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US Secretary of State Colin Powell arrives at the Naia with wife Alma and a 47-man delegation on Friday night aboard a US military Boeing 747. He's billeted at the Peninsula in Makati.

Protesters defy 'no permit, no rally' rule

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MLSA not on agenda in GMA-Powell meet

Trade, war vets' benefits, tourism top Palace talks

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE CONTROVERSIAL Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA) will not be on the agenda of President Macapagal-Arroyo and US Secretary of State Colin Powell when they meet one on one at 9 a.m. today in Malacañang.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye yesterday said the discussion would be limited to trade, tourism and the plight of Filipino war veterans and undocumented workers in the United States. He claimed that the just concluded RP-US Balikatan 02-1 would likewise not be discussed.

"Definitely, the President announced that they will not be discussing the MLSA. And we had indication from the other side that Secretary Powell will not bring that up," Bunye said.

He added that the limited time allotted for the meeting prevented the two officials from discussing much.

Powell, who, according to initial information, was to arrive at 2 a.m. yesterday, flew in from Jakarta at the AGES Hangar of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at 9:29 last night.

The Manila International Airport Authority said the schedule of Powell's arrival had earlier been "finalized" at 8:20 p.m. but that further advisories from the US Embassy reported another change in time.

Powell is to leave at 1 p.m. today, but again that schedule is tentative. "Nothing is definite, the secretary's schedule can possibly still change. (His) departure can be earlier or later," said a media officer of the MIAA.

Upon his arrival, Powell was ushered into a waiting US Embassy vehicle. Members of the media were kept at a distance of 300 meters.

"It's all a video and photo op-

MLSA/A16

PRESIDENT Macapagal flashes a million-dollar smile as she counts "quadrillions" of fake US dollars and Treasury and bank notes at the NBI on Friday after presenting to the media the alleged members of the counterfeit syndicate. EDWIN BACASMAS

Gloria goes crime-busting yet again

By Philip C. Tubeza

FOR TWO weeks now, President Macapagal-Arroyo has been busy projecting her anti-crime image. She has been taking time out to present to the media suspects in various crimes—doing the presentation either in Malacañang or in the offices of law enforcement agencies. On at least two occasions, she even went to the crime scene.

Yesterday, her visit to the National Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Manila to present yet another suspect in yet another crime would have been a run-of-the-mill story. But there was a catch—NBI investigators had not yet even started questioning the "suspect."

Ms Macapagal told journalists at the NBI that Acsa Ramirez, 37, the cashier of the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Binangonan branch was the second suspect in a P203-million tax diversion scam involving officials of the government bank.

But Ramirez, who had no lawyer with her, had just been invited to the NBI office by investigators for questioning.

Only two days before, Ms Macapagal was at the NBI to present LBP Binangonan branch manager Artemio San Juan Jr. as a suspect in the tax diversion scam.

GLORIA/A15

Despite poll, Roco gets low rating in own turf

By Donna S. Cueto, Carlito Pablo and Volt Contreras

EDUCATION Secretary Raul Roco may be No. 1 in the perception of voters surveyed nationwide by the Ibon Foundation, but he is not popular and is even disliked at the Department of Education (DepEd) central office, according to an education official and some department employees.

Roco's office yesterday diplomatically declined to react to the survey results, saying the issue was political.

The Ibon survey, which sought to gauge voter preferences if presidential elections were held today, found President Macapagal-Arroyo trailing behind Roco and even jailed ex-President Estrada.

A DepEd union officer said it would be dangerous to elect

DESPITE/A4

Peping: Me and my big mouth

By Donna S. Cueto

GOING to the INQUIRER and opening his mouth were two mistakes he made, according to former Tarlac Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr. in a handwritten, two-page letter he wrote President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Cojuangco was referring to the INQUIRER visit last July 25 of 10 officers and members of the Council on Philippine Affairs (Copa) to clarify what appeared to be their deteriorating relations with the President.

A banner story in the INQUIRER on the surveillance and bugging of Copa members resulted from the visit.

The Cojuangco letter dated July 29, a copy of which was

PEPING/A4

Anti-US protesters defy 'no permit, no rally' rule

By Philip C. Tubeza

UNDETERRED by the government's "no permit, no rally" rule, activists representing various groups in the Left converged yesterday on the US Embassy to protest the visit of US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

They marched one after another in front of the embassy and twice tried to get near the gate but were repulsed. The skirmishes left three policemen and 10 protesters slightly injured.

Senior Supt. Pedro Bulaong, director of the Western Police District, said he had deployed around 350 anti-riot policemen and three fire trucks to prevent the "200 protesters" from storming the embassy on Roxas Boulevard.

Bulaong said the protesters did not have rally permits. "Never in history had they applied for a permit," he said.

P01 Robert Resurrecion was wounded in the hand in a tussle with the protesters, while a car ran over P01 Francis Ongco's left foot as he was chasing the activists across Roxas Boulevard.

A certain P03 Mempis and 10 activists, including a student of the University of Sto. Tomas, were also reported injured in the skirmishes.

There were also around 100 members of the pro-American Discovery Alliance of the Philippines outside the embassy. Police did not allow the pros and antis to get near each other.

At a press conference, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez announced that protesters would be met with "calibrated tolerance."

He said this would entail the "close observation" of the protesters' actions and their confinement to specific areas for the duration of the protest rallies.

"In other words, we will be very tolerant if the other side is peaceful and orderly," he said.

Golez said authorities did not see "any serious security concern here." He added: "We look

ANTI-US/A16

THE CLASH of anti-riot elements of the Western Police District with anti-American demonstrators leaves 13 injured, including three policemen, during the rally in front of the US Embassy. ERIK ARAZAS

Nursing moms eye mother of world records

BERKELEY, California—In a city that has always kept abreast of the latest in social movements, hundreds of women are plotting the mother of all consciousness-raising events—a mass nurse-in.

The goal is to promote breast-feeding and break a world record. So far, Berkeley organizer Ellen Sirbu has heard from around 700 women who want to be part of the event, scheduled this Saturday.

It is part of the celebration of the annual World Breastfeeding Week launched by the United Nations Children's Fund

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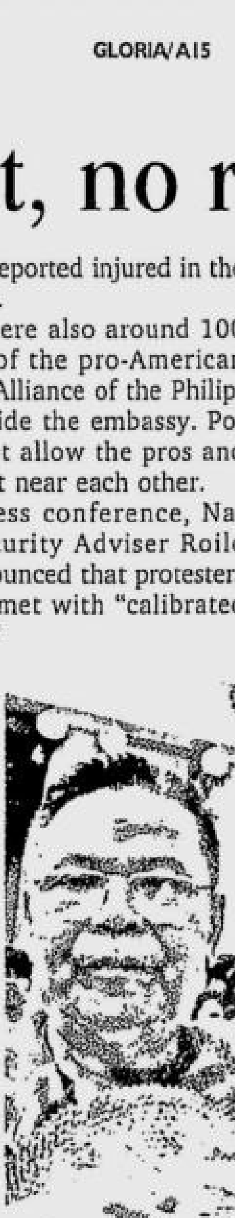

GILLEGO in a pro-peasant rally in 1987.

Freedom fighter, Boni Gillego, dies at 81

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

HE fought against the dictatorship, exposed the fake war medals of Ferdinand Marcos and championed the causes of human rights, agrarian reform, social justice and nationalism during the three terms that he served as congressional representative for the second district of Sorsogon.

Because of his passionate and progressive stance on most issues, Rep. Bonifacio Gillego earned the respect even of his enemies. He was one of the best-loved members of Congress.

FREEDOM/A16

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US envoy: 'If you don't like it, don't sign it'

By Christine Herrera and Rocky Nazareno

"IF THE MLSA doesn't make sense under the (Philippine) law, then don't sign it."

US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone made the statement yesterday following his call on new Foreign Secretary Blas Ople at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"If the MLSA appeals to your government as the way (to make) our work better, then sign it. But if it doesn't make sense under your laws, then you know you won't," Ricciardone told reporters.

Ople said Ricciardone had stressed to him the United States was not imposing the MLSA (Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement) on the Philippine government.

"What they (US) have is an offer to facilitate the exchange of logistic supplies and nothing more. Now it is up to the Philippine government to accept this offer or not," Ople said.

Asked what was holding up approval of the MLSA, Ricciardone said: "Well, it is up to your government."

But Ople said the ball was now in the Americans' court. "In my belief, the Philippine government has done its role. The Cabinet committee consisting of (Defense Secretary Angelo) Reyes, (Justice Secretary Hernando) Perez and myself has prepared the final text.

"We sent them (US panel) the final text (of the MLSA) so the ball is in the US court," Ople said.

No way

But Sen. Rodolfo Biazon believes there is no way the MLSA could be signed during the two-day visit of US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Biazon said it was unlikely the MLSA would be approved during the visit of Powell because "it would take three months for the US government to respond to the drafted submitted by the Philippine government."

"I don't think there will be a signing of the MLSA during (Powell's) visit," Biazon said.

Pressed on whether the MLSA was a "take it or leave it" offer, Ople said: "Well, you need two partners in a bilateral agreement. We should not be talking in terms of ultimatums and so on."

Ricciardone said the MLSA would not involve "foreign policy issues."

"For the US side, we have a low-level technical agreement like we have with many other countries, typically signed by low-level military officers. They are not foreign policy issues. They just make it easier to work together and we do a lot of everyday work in a military to military environment under your treaties and laws and it's working out well," Ricciardone said.

Ople said that under the MLSA, there was "no permission to build permanent structures."

"If there are structures, they should be tied to activities such as training exercises authorized by the Philippine government under the VFA," the DFA secretary said.

National security

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez yesterday invoked "national security" in refusing to divulge more details of the MLSA to mediamen.

Golez had stirred a controversy when he was quoted, mistakenly he claimed, as saying the MLSA would allow the US to build permanent structures in the country.

He lashed out at critics saying they had gotten details of the "low-level" but "confidential" agreement wrong.

Speaking at a press conference at the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency headquarters in Quezon City, Golez said Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos was "not correct" when she said the MLSA would provide American forces access to all Philippine ports. The Department of National Defense, he pointed out, had no jurisdiction over the country's ports.

He also said Marcos was wrong when she said the MLSA would allow the entry into the country of US forces at anytime and that the Philippines would be dragged into wars waged by the United States. ***With Martin P. Marfil and Gerald G. Lacuarta***

New row threatens to erupt in Senate

By Rocky Nazareno

WE have not seen the end of the crisis in the Senate.

Administration senators are poised to move for the approval on Monday of the June 3 journal that adjourned the session *sine die*, Sen. Joker Arroyo said in a news conference yesterday.

This would effectively nullify the June 3 to 6 "rump sessions" conducted by the opposition as the "new majority" at the time, Arroyo said.

To settle the impasse at the Senate last Monday, the administration bloc had agreed to "tacitly" recognize the rump sessions held by the opposition on those dates.

Arroyo said the vote to approve the June 3 session that was adjourned by Senate President Franklin Drilon was "not inconsistent" with Senate Resolution 391, which 21 senators had signed early on Tuesday to settle the eight-hour standoff.

Under SR 391, three measures passed during the June 3 to 6 rump sessions would be "approved on third reading as printed." These were the Chain Saw, the Filipino-Hispanic Day Act and the Free Patent Act.

Approval of the June 3 journal, however, could spark a new round of debates at the Senate on Monday because it would contradict the agreement, which validated the June 3-6 sessions.

Arroyo was confident that after the majority approved the June 3 journal, the Senate could "move on."

Also yesterday, Pimentel said opposition senators had agreed, "for meritorious reasons," to reopen floor debates on the Absentee Voting Law.

"They (administration senators) have every right to incorporate their inputs into this very important measure," he said.

In Cebu yesterday, Sen. Manuel Villar said the majority bloc was set to meet this weekend to decide on the chairman of the powerful finance committee.

With Juliet L. Labog, Cynthia D. Balana, and Jolene R. Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau

'Lagalag' brings rains to Luzon

EXTREME northern Luzon will experience rain and occasionally gusty winds today as tropical depression "Lagalag" is estimated to be 110 kilometers southwest of Basco, Batanes.

The weather bureau said the coastal waters off northern Luzon will be rough to moderate.

The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said western Luzon will experience monsoon rains, while the rest of Luzon and the Visayas will be mostly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Mindanao will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

Metro Manila and the lahar areas will experience monsoon rains with moderate to occasionally strong winds blowing from the southwest.

Moderate to occasionally strong winds blowing from the southwest will prevail over the rest of western Luzon and the coastal waters will be rough to moderate.

Elsewhere, winds will be light to moderate blowing from the south and southwest with slight to moderate seas. ***Gerald G. Lacuarta***

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Desierto going but not 'gently into that good night'

By Michael Lim Ubac

"I'M not retiring, just finishing my term."

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto formally stepped down yesterday from his post but made it clear he was not going "gentle into that good night."

His farewell speech, delivered extemporaneously, made no reference to his possible appointment as a Supreme Court Associate Justice.

Nor did he speculate on who the next Ombudsman might be.

During lunch in his honor yesterday at the newly inaugurated Ombudsman building in Diliman, Quezon City, the 67-year-old Desierto told Ombudsman officials and employees, "I hope history will show we have done our best."

Desierto cautioned the government against having a politician as his successor. Politicians were "continuously" compromising, he explained.

He also said he was not pushing for anyone to succeed him.

In the race are Desierto's overall deputy Margarito Gervacio Jr., Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo, Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño and Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida among others.

Desierto said his only regret in the job that he held for seven years was that he had to file charges against "many" friends.

He challenged his successor to continue what he started in office—the zero-backlog of cases.

For helping him fight "the predatory evils of corruption," Desierto awarded plaques of recognition to mediamen who covered his office, including this reporter.

Officials and employees who organized the farewell program, dubbed "A Toast to the Ombudsman," heaped praises on their departing boss. Desierto's appointments secretary, Catalina Cacanindin, shed tears and said she would miss him.

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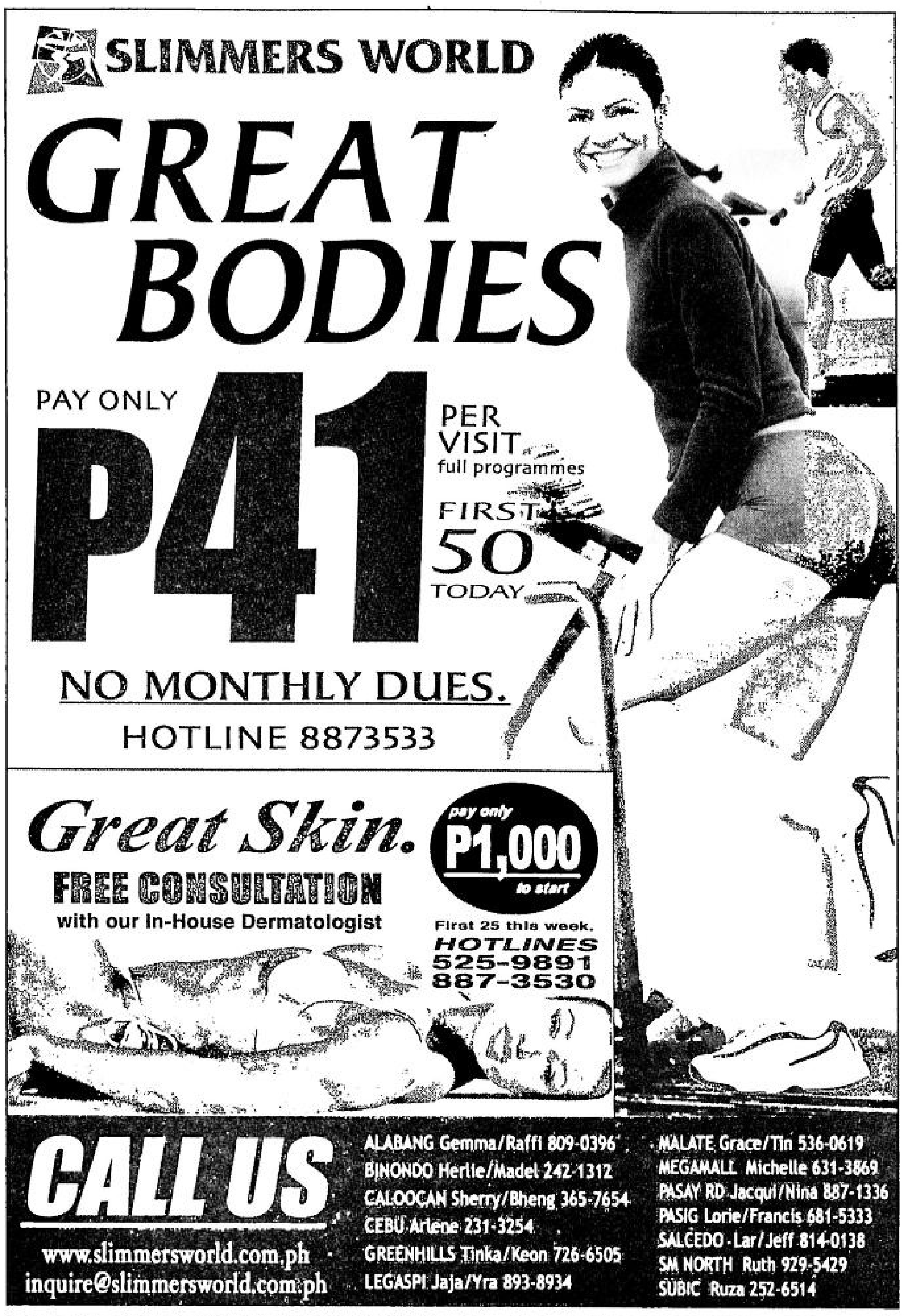
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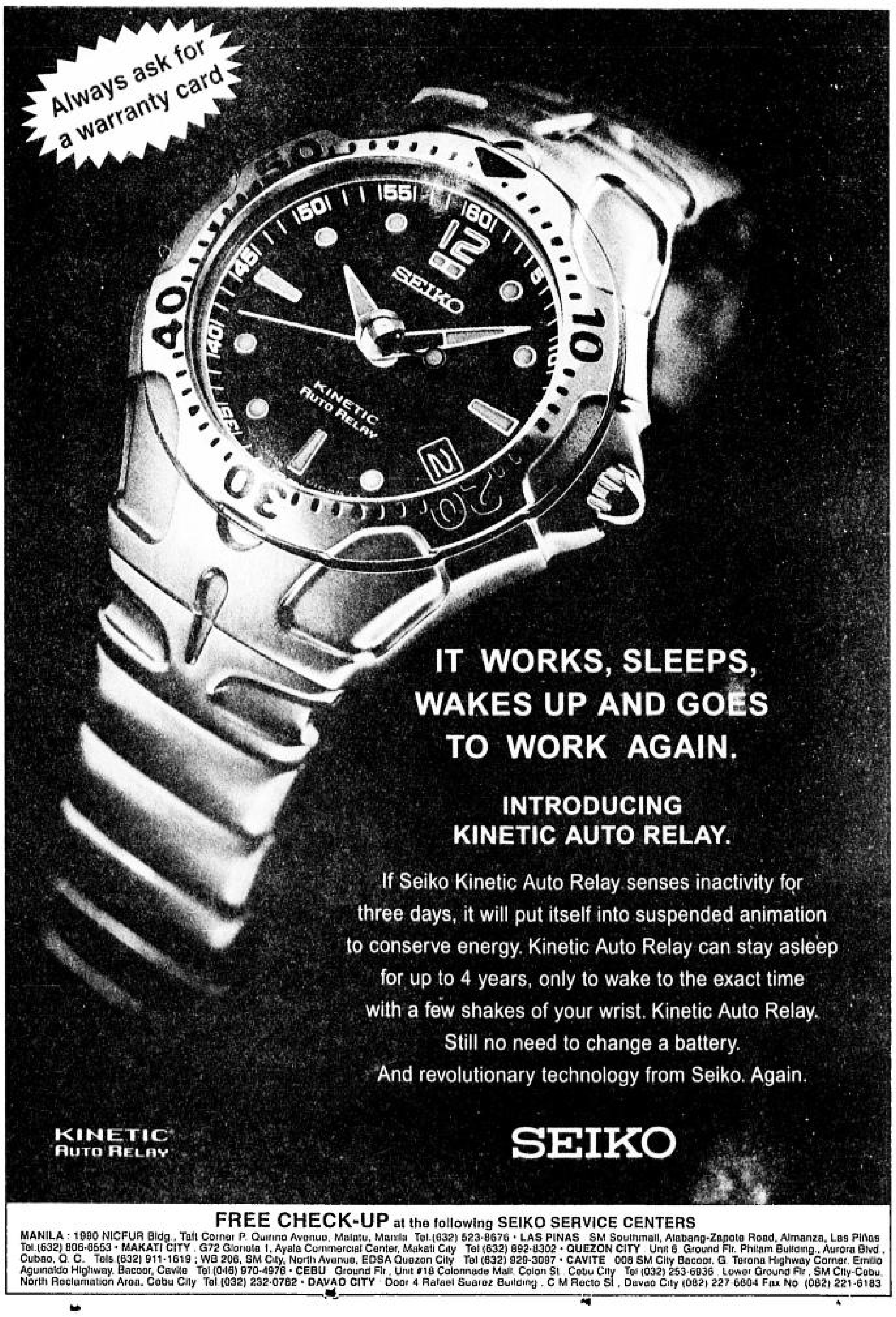

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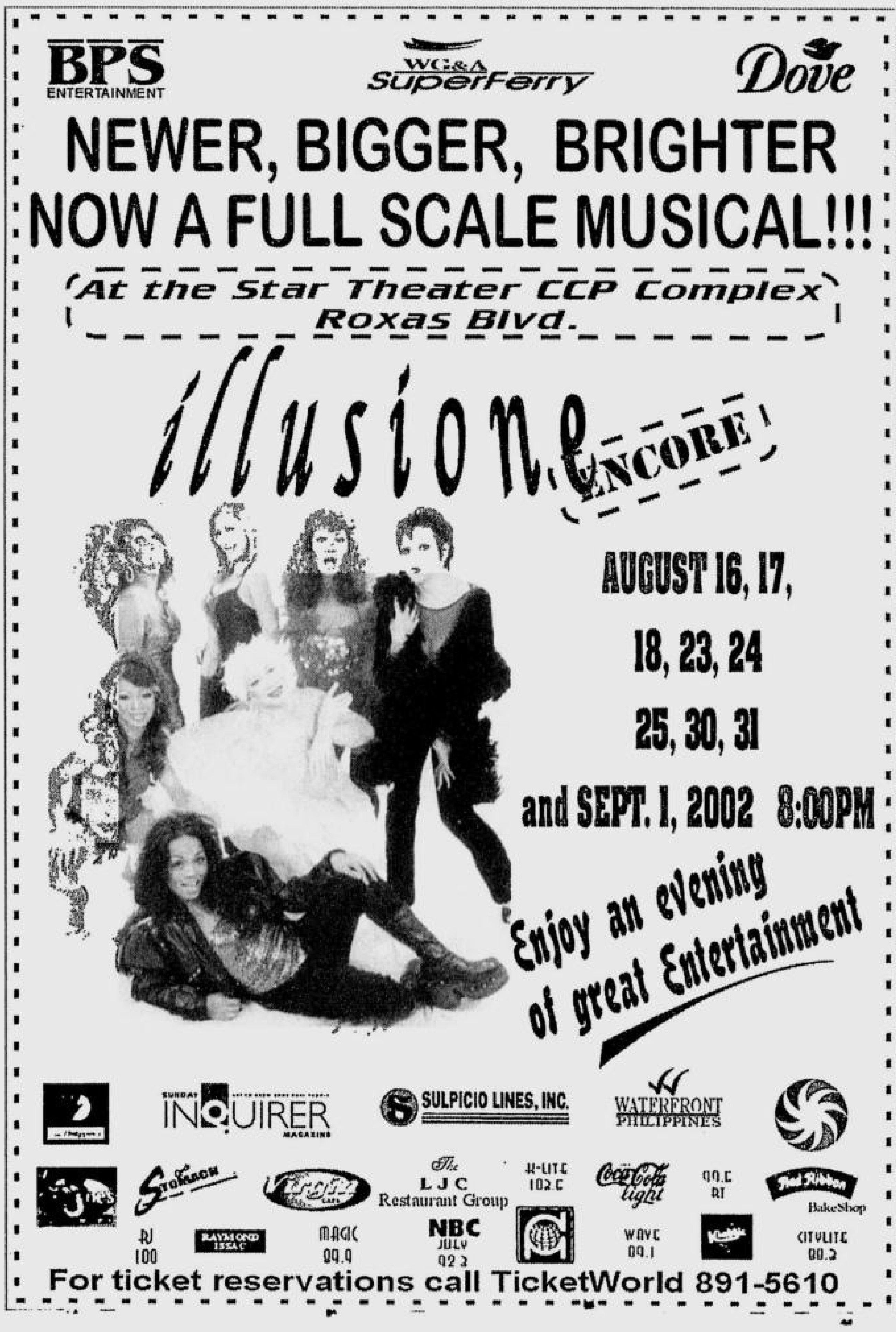
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Despite poll, Roco gets low rating in own turf

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Roco President as his style tended to be "like (that of the dictator) Marcos."

He said the education secretary evoked fear and had instilled a "martial law-like atmosphere" at the DepEd.

The Roco of the public image was very different from the "real Roco," the union officer said.

Feeling overwhelmed

Estrada was not shy about expressing his pleasure over his impressive showing in the Ibon survey, even commending the foundation for being honest "although I know they hate me."

He said he was "overwhelmed that people are still there to support me despite my incarceration and the fact that this administration has the backing of the Church, the Makati businessmen and the media".

He confidently declared that whomever he endorsed for the 2004 presidential race would get the same kind of support and would have a good chance of beating Ms Macapagal.

Malacañang officials and the President's allies predictably disagreed with the Ibon survey results, by turns extolling the chances of their champion and dismissing the polling body.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, echoing the President's oft-repeated line, said Ms Macapagal was "not focusing on 2004" but "carrying out specific programs to attract more investments, fight crimes and eradicate poverty within the decade."

Ms Macapagal's political adviser, Jose Ma. Rufino declared flatly that "the man to beat is not a guy but a lady and she is no other than President Macapagal-Arroyo."

Like a diesel

Rufino compared Ms Macapagal to a diesel engine which "may be a slow starter but goes on high speed when it reaches the right gear".

Her opponents may show "quick spurts" but the President would "wear them out," Rufino said.

He questioned Ibon's credibility, saying its actions were suspect because of its "left-leaning orientation."

"They never paint a good picture of the President," he said.

In a radio interview, Conrado Limcaoco, presidential adviser on media and ecclesiastical affairs, completely discounted the Ibon survey.

"We know it's a left-leaning organization, it's a survey firm of the Left," Limcaoco said.

He dared Ibon to reveal its survey methodology because "it appears they are surveying just one area where people are sympathetic to their cause."

Illogical results

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles said he found the Ibon poll results "illogical" because while the survey showed that more people were satisfied with President Macapagal-Arroyo's performance, they wanted to replace her as President.

"There is tremendous satisfaction but there is also rejection. I find it illogical," Nograles said.

He said the feedback that he has been getting was completely different from the results of the Ibon survey.

"I talk to people and 80 percent of them would vote for the President," he said. "I was shocked to find her only ranking third."

Buoyed by his good showing, Estrada announced that his allies were already preparing for the 2004 electoral exercise, starting with the renaming of his Partido ng Masang Pilipino party, which will now be known as Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino.

He attributed his No. 2 ranking to people's comparing the Macapagal administration unfavorably to his short-lived presidency, saying there was a basis for comparison now.

He said the respondents probably asked themselves: "Are we better off during the watch of Estrada in terms of the economy and peace and order?"

He then proceeded to recite his familiar litany of criticisms against the Macapagal presidency, citing the rising incidence of kidnappings and robberies, the controversial purchased power adjustment charges and the ballooning budget deficit.

Commenting on Roco's outstanding showing, Estrada said this was probably because there were not that many issues to drag Roco down.

Lunchtime protests

Yesterday, just as the story of the Ibon survey came out, DepEd employees were staging another one of their lunchtime rallies against Roco at the DepEd central office.

Roco's office has tried to downplay the protests against him, saying the ralliers' gripes should not even be heard or considered.

The protesters talk of a culture of fear and intimidation pervading the DepEd central office.

They said that Roco started out being well-liked, but has since become extremely unpopular.

He would allegedly shout at people and berate them, and even curse them in public.

They also raised the issue of possible graft when he allowed his wife the use of a government driver assigned to him.

Roco later recalled the driver when the story was published in the INQUIRER, although earlier he claimed that he saw nothing wrong with the practice.

But regional directors interviewed by the INQUIRER yesterday had a different view of Roco.

Victoriano Tirol, director of DepEd Western Visayas, said he would make a "good President."

A regional director from Bicol said Roco was "running the department very well."

"We find him focused on the objectives of the department. That's what we need," said a DepEd official from the Ilocos region.

Asked about the protest rallies against Roco, she said "I think they have their reasons."

A DepEd official at the central office said regional directors were merely "onlookers" and would not talk against the Secretary.

If they react negatively and their comments get printed, Roco will "get back at them," the DepEd official said.

"It is best to keep silent and not say anything," the official said.

DepEd insiders claim that two undersecretaries of Roco had resigned because of differences with the Secretary. They are Isagani Cruz and Jaime D. Jacob, a friend and province mate of Roco's.

Will DepEd employees and officials vote for Roco if he runs?

DepEd employees interviewed by the INQUIRER said that probably no one at the central office would vote for him.

Regional directors interviewed at the DepEd yesterday chose to keep their cards close to their chests and replied, "Secret."

Peping: Me and my big mouth

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obtained by the INQUIRER, expressed continued "commitment" to support the President and her government.

Copa founding member and one of its prime movers, Cojuangco said that he and the other Copa members had indeed talked about bugging and the surveillance that was being done on them.

But he wrote the President that he "never said that you or Malacañang was tapping my phone."

The INQUIRER news report only quoted Copa members on being bugged and surveilled which allegedly happened even during the tenure of former President Estrada.

The INQUIRER story published on July 27 made no mention of the President or Malacañang as being behind the phone tap.

Copa told the INQUIRER that their phone lines were still being bugged, and that whatever they talked about got to President Macapagal. But the information would be "twisted" so Copa would be placed in a bad light, the INQUIRER visitors said. They added that there must be somebody, who has the President's ears, who was trying to discredit Copa.

In his letter, Cojuangco explained to the President that "in the course of talking about the risks during those (People Power II) days, the phone tapping and surveillance were discussed."

"If you will recall in the Senate investigation on bugging, it was mentioned that my residence was second only to Chavit's (Singson) in bugging. I never said that you or Malacañang was tapping my phone," he stressed.

During the meeting with the INQUIRER, Cojuangco said that the bugging was particularly intense during the "Freedom Force" controversy last April.

Not off-the-record

It was Copa who asked to meet with the INQUIRER editors and staff to clarify their support for the President and to air their concerns on the President's "overly sensitive and suspicious" attitude toward them.

During dinner, Copa secretary general Pastor "Boy" Saycon would signal when a part of the conversation was "off-the-record" and the INQUIRER tape recorder would promptly be turned off.

The conversations about the bugging and surveillance were not part of the "off-the-record" remarks.

The President had alluded to Saycon as a termite when he aired his strong objections to the appointment of Blas Ople as foreign secretary and to Malacañang's accommodation of the Puno brothers who were closely identified with former President Estrada.

"Although I noticed that a small tape recorder was operating, I still did not think that this get-together was to be an interview," Cojuangco said in his letter to the President.

"Had I known this was to be an interview, I would never have agreed to attend. For in a meeting of Copa members, upon my arrival from the United States, we had agreed to keep quiet especially on the issue concerning Senator Ople and the Puno brothers.

The younger brother of former President Cory Aquino, Cojuangco also told the President that he thought that the acquaintance dinner at the INQUIRER office in Makati was not going to be used for news purposes.

Cojuangco said that this was his first mistake.

"The second mistake was opening my mouth. In the beginning, I just sat there listening to everyone talking. I think I just opened my mouth to correct the notion that we were not supportive of you and your administration. The second time was to clarify many wrong information about People Power II," he said.

Clarifications

"I wanted to stress that we were not looking for appointments but were trying our best to get those who really risked so much to be recognized for their deeds," he said in his letter.

Cojuangco said that he was sticking to his commitment made to the President when she visited his house, a gesture which "strengthened my resolve to support you."

"A lot was said but I can assure you, I never said anything that would malign or discredit you. I put so much value to your visit here in the house just before we left for the United States," he said.

Many things were clarified in that meeting (**with the President-Ed**). But more important to me was that the President would take time out late that night to see me in my house instead of just calling for me," Cojuangco further said in his letter.

"Mrs. President, I made a commitment to you there, and I intend to keep that commitment. The one thing I have been proud of is my reputation of keeping my word. That is probably why I still have many friends," he said.

Food security

Cojuangco expressed some concern that his project on "Food Security" which was part of his commitment to serve the Macapagal administration, would be affected because of his mistakes.

"Finally, for your information, (Agriculture) Secretary (Leonardo) Montemayor and I had already gotten together on this Food Security project. We are just fine-tuning the plans before presenting it to you," Cojuangco said.

"However, if my mistakes have cost me to lose your confidence, I will understand," he concluded in his letter to the President.

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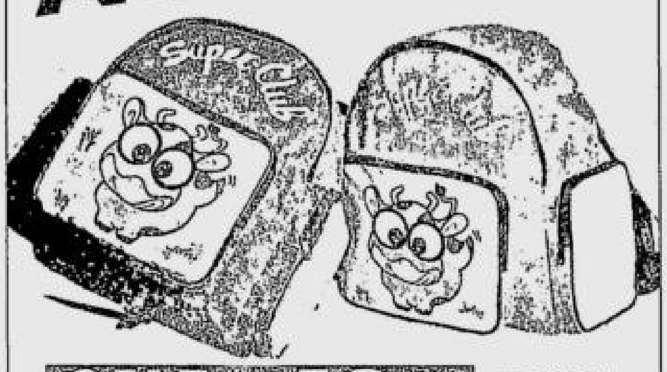

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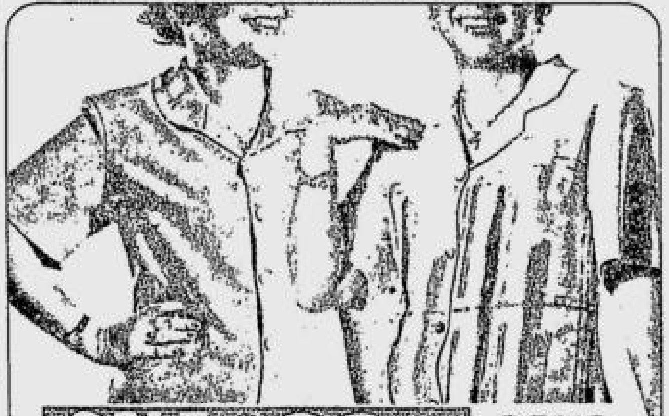

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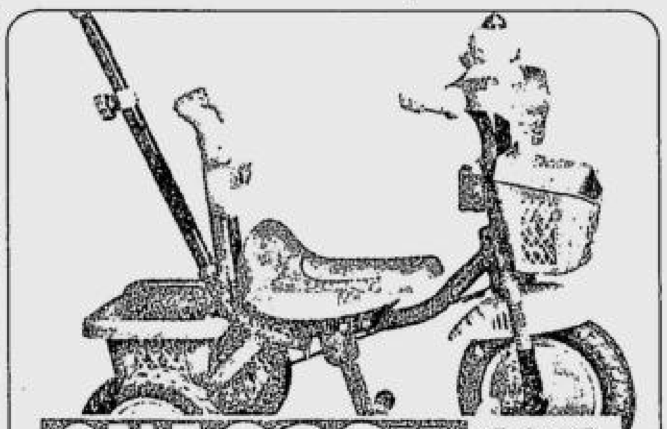

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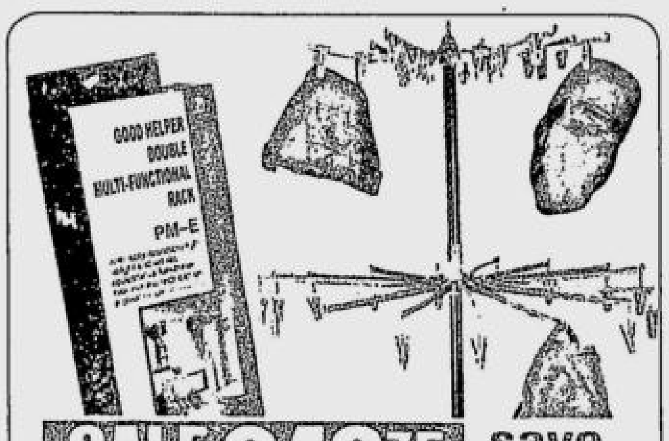

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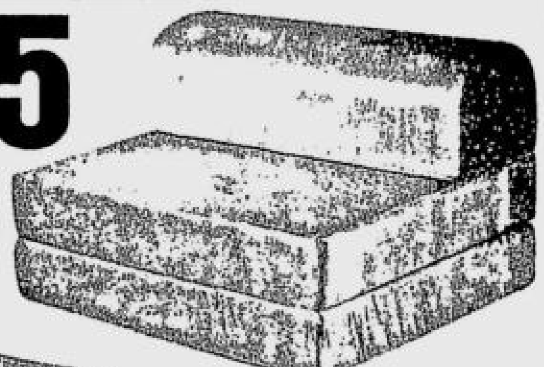

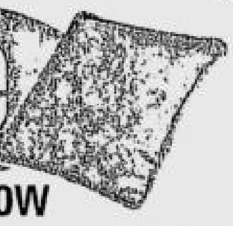

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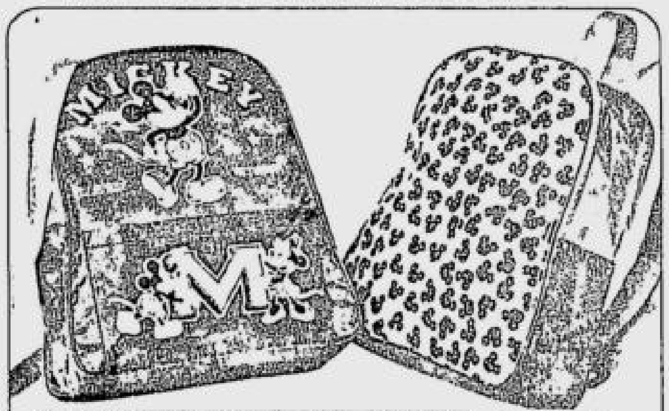

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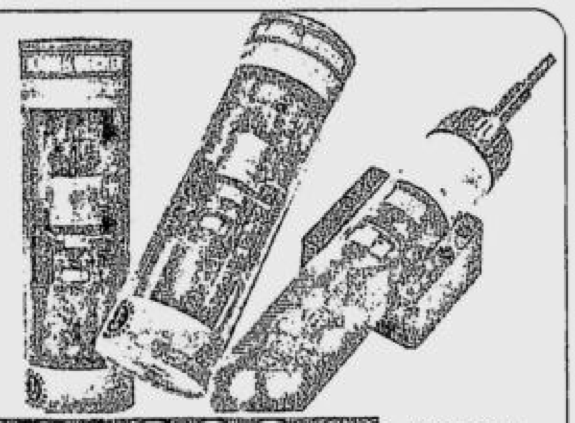

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Brig. Gen. Alfonso Dagudag, commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division here, said Ismael Marohombsar was the "right hand man" of Faizal, suspected leader of the Pentagon kidnap gang who escaped from police custody in June.

Dagudag said elements of the 401st Infantry Brigade arrested Ismael at his hideout in Poblacion, Malabang at 11:30 a.m.

Ismael was believed behind the kidnapping on Nov. 23, 2000 of Enrique Pelaez, a son of former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez.

Pelaez was able to escape after a few months.

Dagudag said "Faizal trusted Ismael so much he (Ismael) was made the financier and negotiator for the group. He was also involved in dirty work for the Pentagon."

Aside from the Pelaez abduction, Ismael was suspected in the kidnapping of Rachel Ann Valmoria, a nurse from Cagayan de Oro City, in November 2000; Dr. Epifania Asetre of Parang, Maguindanao in May 2000; Chinese engineer Zhong Zhang Quiang of the Malitubog-Maridagao irrigation project in Carmen, Cotabato in July 2001, and four other Chinese nationals in August 2001.

Ismael was turned over to the Northern Mindanao police yesterday afternoon.

In Zamboanga City, an angry Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar asked police authorities in Manila to release his cousin Yusop Ibrahim, who was arrested in the city on suspicion of being an Abu Sayyaf bandit.

Manila-based police operatives nabbed Ibrahim at the Mindpro Citimall in Zamboanga City on July 24.

Ibrahim, who is also an uncle of Lantawan Mayor Tahira Ismael, was allegedly mistaken for Isnilon Hapilon, one of the leaders of the Abu Sayyaf with a prize on his head. ***Grace C. Albasin, Jeffrey M. Tupas and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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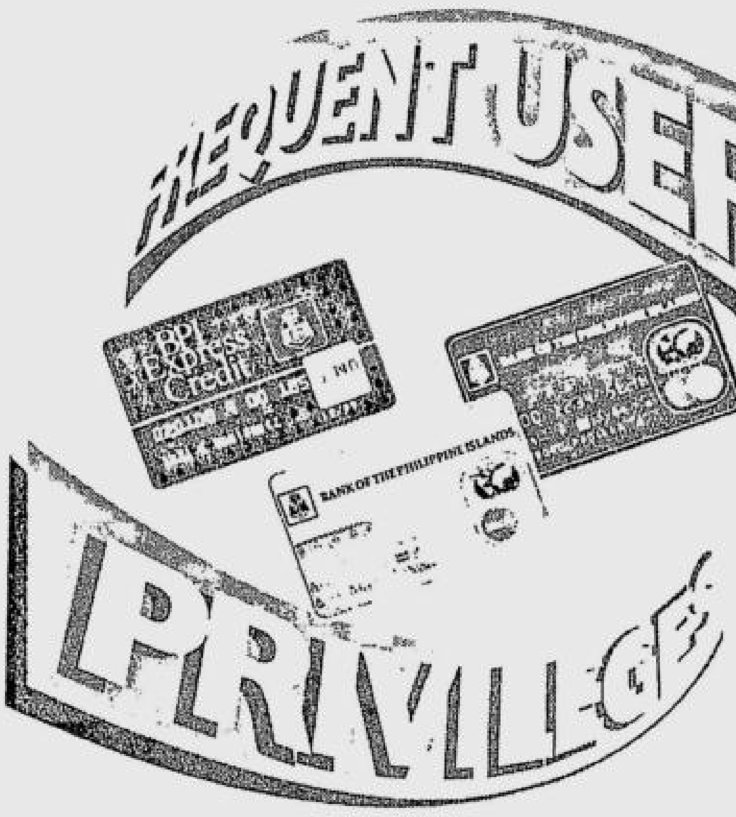

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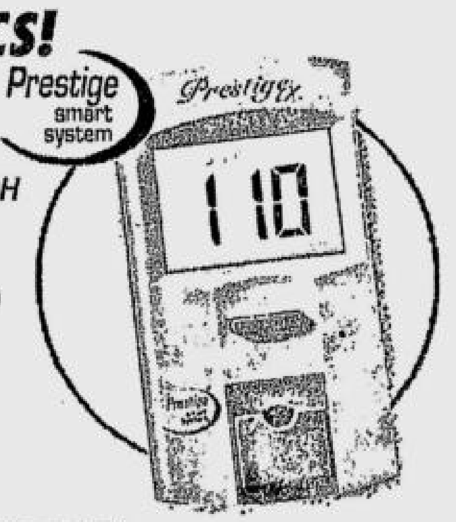

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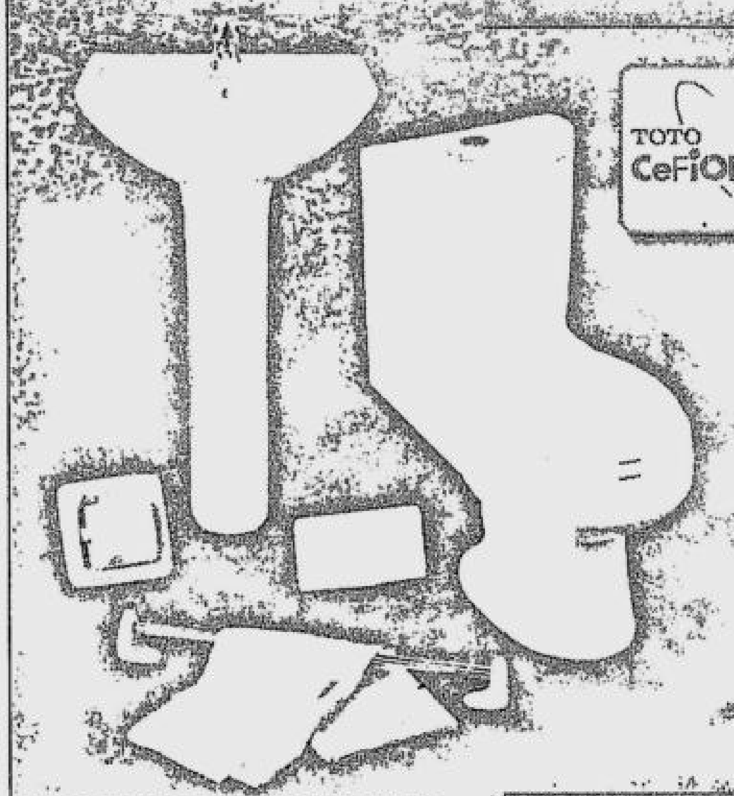

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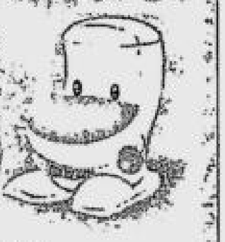

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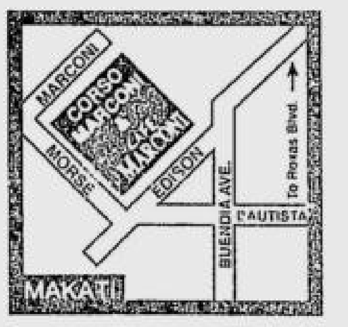

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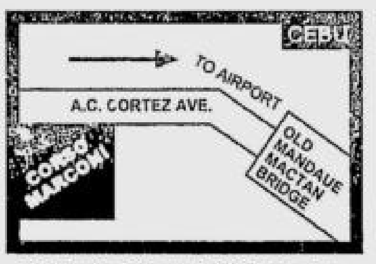

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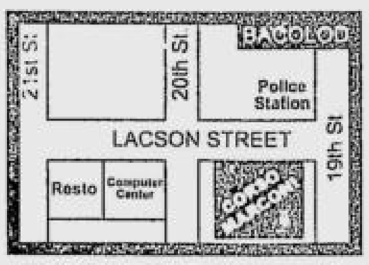

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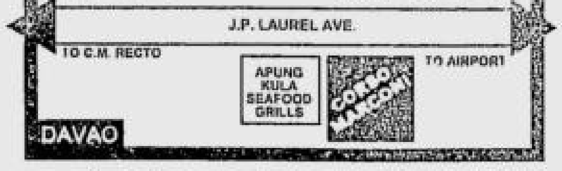

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A useless poll

Editorial

POLLSTERS have begun feeling the public pulse, trying to catch early signs of popular preferences for the May 2004 presidential election. Expectedly, the results of one of these polls—that of Ibon—yielded a configuration naming at least seven people with their respective ratings.

Twenty-two months before the election, the presidential derby is so fluid and unpredictable that polls hardly serve a useful purpose. However, the fact that pollsters are now having a field day reflects the domination of politics as the over-riding preoccupation of the nation above anything else, including economic recovery.

Regardless of whether the poll organization's methodology is flawed and biased to produce desired results, they respond to the mania for premature presidential speculations while fanning it at the same time.

The public must be wary of surveys. Some of these have dubious methodologies which are usually not revealed to the unsuspecting public and whose results are apparently intended to start a bandwagon effect.

Central to these surveys is that they are explicitly or implicitly a measure of the popularity rating of the sitting administration. Thus if, for example, President Macapagal-Arroyo is shown by Ibon to have a lower rating than Raul Roco and Joseph Estrada, that finding is misleading. These three persons are not being rated according to common standards of performance. Estrada, in fact, is out of office. This is the equivalent of comparing apples and oranges.

The presidency, regardless of who holds that office, is always at the center of the political life of the nation. Its decisions and policies impinge on the daily life of the citizens and are therefore the focus of continuing assessments. Presidential ratings are volatile and subject to mercurial changes. President Macapagal's popularity, for example, showed a steep plunge recently, causing panic in her administration and pushing it to launch initiatives designed to reverse the fall.

Periodic surveys of public disapproval of or dissatisfaction with a government's performance are a valid exercise as they serve as a wake-up call for the government. Premature polling, however, of preferences for President does not serve the same purpose.

Surveys in the Philippines have replaced the function of political parties as the vehicles for the selection process of presidential candidates. In other democracies, such as the United States, primaries act as the preliminary process of screening aspirants for the presidency and channeling them into the party conventions. We don't have these mechanisms or process.

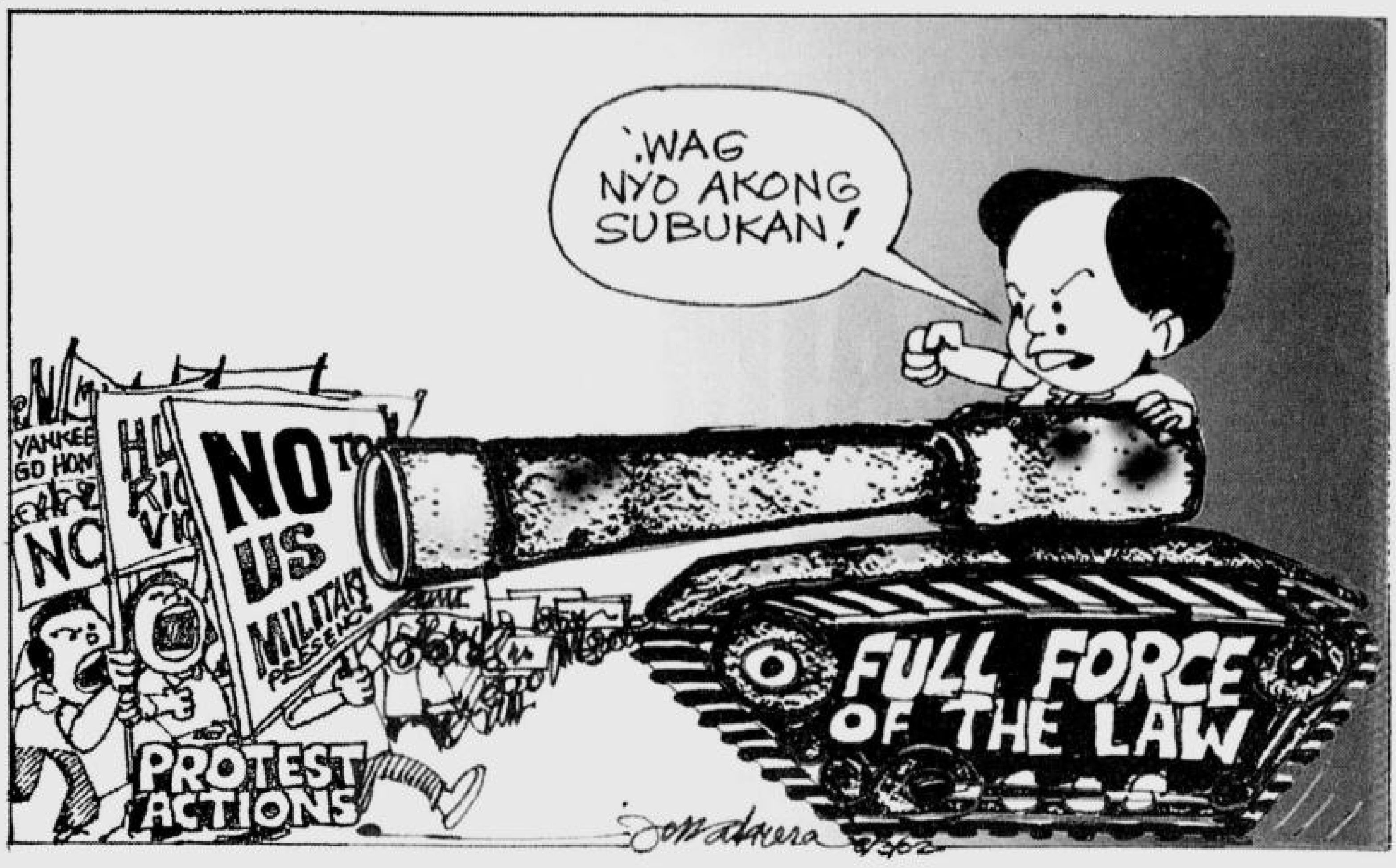
The main point, however, is that the national energy is being sapped by the obsession over presidential politics. In this regard, the Macapagal administration is not faultless in feeding this mania. There is growing evidence that her decisions and actions are intended to enhance her chances of election. For example, the President has not missed photo opportunities when her government scores some successes in the campaign against crime or she visits slum areas or commiserates with the victims of natural disasters.

The presidential campaign season should normally begin three months before the election, but in reality it has already begun. This mood has set May 2004 as the focus of political activity by both the opposition and the administration.

Lost because of this focus on politics is the priority that should be given to the serious fiscal deficit. The administration's failure to control the ballooning deficit is not only making foreign investors nervous. The deficit shows that the administration has been a poor fiscal manager. And it leads to high interest rates.

The huge deficit also reflects the poor revenue collection effort of the administration, which is worse than that of the much-reviled Estrada administration. This necessitates increasing public borrowing to finance pump-priming programs and essential-public services.

The nation's focus should shift back to getting things done until early 2004. By then, events will have crystallized and we will have a clearer choice of who should be the next President.



A brazen extravagance

Separate Opinion

Isagani A. Cruz

I'M GOING to write about that latest scandal in the Commission on Elections lest it become, like most scandals, as dead as yesterday's newspaper.

I refer to the shocking report published sometime ago that this disreputable constitutional body has further tarnished its name with the purchase of top-of-the-line vehicles for its members at a total expenditure of P8.5 million of the people's money.

According to the INQUIRER's editorial of July 24, 2002, that amount covered the cost of "a Nissan Cefiro Elite each for (Chair Benjamin) Abalos and Commissioner Florentino Tuason; four Chevrolet Ventures for Commissioners Rufino Javier, Resurreccion Borja, Mehol Sadain and Luzviminda Tancangco; and a Toyota Ace Super Grandia for Commissioner Ralph Lantion."

The members approved the purchase before Abalos took over as their new chair, but he did nothing to reverse them. That laudable move would have established his leadership over them but he instead shared and benefited from their abuse. He did a Pontius Pilate, though, by piously prohibiting any member of the Commission from having more than three official vehicles. That further exposed the shameful fact that they already had two earlier vehicles each.

At a time when some teachers are complaining about the non-payment of their services during the last barangay elections, the extravagance of the Comelec commissioners is nothing short of brazen. Viewed against the acute poverty of millions of our people—many of whom are starving for lack of simple sustenance—that callousness is highly contemptible if not also criminal. The Comelec obviously doesn't care a hoot about what the public thinks of it.

What rankles is that although the members each have two "official" cars already, they still had to augment their extraordinary perquisite by buying eight more brand-new vehicles at an average cost of more than P1.1 million. Who will be using the two additional cars while the commissioner is comfortably ensconced in the third and more expensive one? All these cars will be provided with free gasoline and other maintenance items from the bottomless transportation allowance of the Comelec.

When I was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986, I was assigned a 1972 Mercedes-Benz that was even then already fit for the junkyard. I used it for eight and a half years—*and that one car only*—until I retired in 1994. I surrendered that vehicle to the high tribunal, but not even its minor officials to whom it was offered were willing to use it. It must now be rotting somewhere in the court premises unless it has been cannibalized or sold for scrap iron.

I don't know if our successors are enjoying new and more official cars. If they are, I would say—without justifying the privilege—that they are far more deserving compared to the hedonists in the Comelec. The high tribunal may have its own faults too, as its past and present conduct may confirm. But its justices are, at least, not held with the same public distrust, and even contempt, as the members of the Comelec.

The Comelec used to be a merely statutory office but was converted into a constitutional body under the Commonwealth Constitution. The purpose was to improve its independence by insulating it from abolition by the legislature and prohibiting the removal of its members except by the difficult process of impeachment. Regrettably, these measures have not repaired its tattered prestige as the supposed guardian of the right of suffrage.

Despite the constitutional guaranties to its integrity, the Comelec has long been disdained for its corruption. In the now discredited case of Mabanag v. Lopez Vito, 78 Phil. 1, it conducted the illegal plebiscite that sustained the infamous Parity Amendment. In 1949, it permitted the birds and the bees in Lanao to defeat the winning presidential bid of Jose P. Laurel. *Dagdag-bawas* became its official policy during the Marcos years that triggered Edsa I and the downfall of the dictatorship. Even now, the Comelec continues to provoke public impatience and suspicion over its reprehensible conduct.

As if its flawed integrity were not enough, there is also its gross inefficiency. In the 1998 elections, the country was again uglified by posters that mocked our election laws. In violation of Rep. Act. No. 7941, it made full-page newspaper disclosures of the names of the nominees of the party-list entries. Computerization of the voting lists has yet to be begun despite the funds allotted for the purpose. And the vices of vote-buying, terrorism, flying voters continue to counterfeit the voters' will.

One could reasonably expect that a new broom would sweep clean, but not chair Abalos. He must think he is still mayor of Mandaluyong or chair of the MMDA where political accommodation is *de rigueur* even against the public welfare. As head of the Comelec, he has the wonderful opportunity to reform it into the respectable body envisioned by the Constitution to ensure "free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections." Instead, he has given himself and his colleagues brand-new million-peso cars.

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(Conclusion)

WE need to focus more on income inequality in our provinces. The province with the least income inequality, whether measured by the Gini coefficient (where 0 is perfectly equal and 1 is perfectly unequal income distribution) or by the ratio of the consumption share of the top 10 percent of families to the bottom 10 percent in terms of income, is Sulu. It's Gini ratio is 0.19, while the richest 10 percent of the families have consumption expenditures which are only 3.2 times larger, on the average, than those of the poorest 10 percent.

Compare this to Zamboanga del Norte, whose Gini coefficient is 0.48, and whose richest 10 percent spend 17 times more on consumption than the poorest 10 percent. This province is at the bottom as far as consumption ratios are concerned, and second to the bottom in terms of the Gini coefficient (the bottom here is occupied by Catanduanes).

Now let's continue looking at some more human development indicators and the provinces which are in the "Top Ten" and "Bottom Ten" in these categories, if only to give credit (or blame) where it is due. The most recent data on these, it must be remembered, are for the year 2000.

In terms of income poverty, the top 10 provinces, i.e., the provinces showing the lowest percentages of poor families are Ilocos Norte (where only 6.2 percent of families live below the poverty line), Bataan, Laguna, Pampanga, Nueva Vizcaya, Bulacan, Batanes, Apayao, Rizal and Cavite (where 10.9 percent of families are considered poor). The bottom 10 provinces are Siquijor (where poverty incidence is 51.1 percent), Western Samar, Zamboanga del Norte, Sorsogon, Eastern Samar, Basilan, Masbate, Romblon, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu (where 92 percent of the families are poor).

Another, arguably more comprehensive indicator of human deprivation is the Human Poverty Index (or HPI), which measures deprivation in health, knowledge and standard of living. More precisely, it measures human deprivation in terms of the probability at birth of not surviving to age 40, the adult functional illiteracy rate, the percentage of the population not using improved water sources and the percentage of children under age 5 who are underweight. The HPI is to the Human Development Index what Poverty Incidence is to GNP Per Capita, and is measured for the first time in the Philippine Human Development Report 2002.

Which are the provinces that show the lowest human poverty, as measured by the HPI? The top 10 in this regard are Cavite (where human poverty is 8.8 percent), Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Batangas, Bataan, Pangasinan, Isabela, Laguna, Mindoro Oriental and Marinduque (12.2 percent). The bottom 10, on the other hand, are Capiz (24.4 percent), Zamboanga del Norte, Guimaras, Apayao, Maguindanao, Masbate, Ifugao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi (42.4 percent)

It should be noted that only four of the top 10 provinces in income poverty are also in the top 10 in human poverty: Cavite, Bataan, Laguna and Bulacan. The same is true at the bottom: only four of the bottom 10 provinces in income poverty are also in the bottom 10 in human poverty: Zamboanga del Norte, Masbate, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu.

What this means is that there is no one-to-one relationship between income poverty and deprivation in health, education and living standards. The government and non-government leaders in provinces which have relatively high income poverty but have managed to keep their human poverty relatively low are to be congratulated. And for those provinces which have relatively low income poverty but relatively high human poverty, this may indicate failure in governance.

Human poverty in the Philippines as a whole is lower than income poverty, which implies that it has somehow managed to give entitlements to the poor to compensate for their lack of income. However, there are, unfortunately, provinces where human poverty is higher than income poverty, indicating that their leaders better pull up their socks and focus some more on their income poor. These provinces are: Apayao, Ilocos Norte, Guimaras, Nueva Vizcaya, Pampanga, Rizal and Laguna. Note that four of these provinces are in the top 10 in other categories, particularly the Human Development Index.

Is there any inconsistency here? No. The HDI measures a general level of achievement while the HPI focuses on a level of deprivation. We need them both, just as when we measure income we need both the GNP per capita and poverty incidence to give us a more complete picture.

We can delve more into the indicators that comprise the HDI and the HPI. For example, Cebu has the highest life expectancy at 71.8 years, while Sulu has the lowest at 50.8 years. Rizal has the highest high-school graduate ratio (66.9 percent), and Sulu again has the lowest (18.1 percent). And then there are still others: Camiguin shows the lowest unemployment rate at 2.7 percent (average for 1997-2000), while Iloilo has the highest (11.3 percent). Bukidnon has the highest female labor force participation rate as a percentage of the male rate (87.1 percent), while Sulu has the lowest (23 percent of the male rate).

Now for the final questions: Based only on the above indicators, which province should one choose to live in? It's hard to choose between Cavite and Bataan, which have consistently high rankings in all indicators. Which would one avoid like the plague? The choice is easier: most likely Sulu, which ranked anywhere from 74 to 77 (out of 77) in 13 out of 16 indicators.

Tip of the iceberg

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

EMBATTLED Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez has filed libel suits for P10 million each against Picop president Teodoro Bernardino, his House ally Surigao Rep. Prospero Pichay and Picop information officer Vicsmarte Ubalde. Alvarez is suing them for alleging that he tried to extort money from the paper firm in exchange for granting it unconditional absolute conversion of its timber license agreement into an integrated forest management agreement. It's difficult to believe the accusation against Alvarez, considering that until now Picop has still not succeeded in getting that conversion despite all the imaginable pressure being applied on the environment secretary at the Commission on Appointments hearings. If Alvarez truly tried to extort money, the logical thing is for him to grant that conversion posthaste and wipe out all of Picop's nearly P40 million in taxes due to the government and nearly P500 million in penalties due to its misdeclaration of logs over three years. Alvarez has told Picop to work out a temporary agreement with the government first and settle its obligations, but Picop has refused to do so. Instead, it has fielded Pichay to fight its battle.

One thing that Alvarez's libel suit will definitely achieve is that it would get him space in the media, something that Pichay seems to have a sizable grip on (he publishes a number of leading tabloids, including Remate and Remate Tonight). Alvarez's crusade for good governance against powerful vested interests has captured the public's imagination. This is one fight citizens batting for good governance should join.

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The President is showing a lot of political will in the fight against corruption inside the Bureau of Internal Revenue, by seeking to dismantle the syndicate that has been siphoning off corporate tax payments to private accounts and making corporations pay the right value-added taxes. The recent discovery of over P200 million in tax payments made to LandBank that were deposited in four fictitious private bank accounts appears to be only the tip of the iceberg, as GMA herself has said. There definitely is collusion here between the personnel of the BIR, Landbank and perhaps even the National Bureau of Investigation.

The question is, how come this anomaly seems to recur with regularity? I recall writing about a similar big case uncovered during Liwayway Vinzons-Chato's time as revenue commissioner, and another case was earlier found in a PNB branch in Pasay during the term of Jose Ong. One culprit may be the BIR's practice of coursing payments of regular taxes through public and private banks to make payment easier for the citizens. Then, too, there is the ruling allowing a five-day float of the tax payments from the banks to the Bureau of Treasury, during which time many miracles can happen to those payments.

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I spoke to Chato recently and she recalled the collusion between various government agencies that attended the case of BIR clerk Dominga Manalili of the BIR regional office in Quezon City, who had succeeded in opening two fictitious accounts where she deposited P260 million in tax payments, including the withholding taxes of House of Representatives personnel. Chato pointed out that all the banks know that the BIR cannot open any account in any bank to receive tax payments, and yet, on the strength of an old authorization that she found, Manalili succeeded in opening those fake accounts in LandBank's West Triangle branch by using a complicated system of check switching. Manalili is now in jail after being the first to be convicted under the Anti-Plunder Law authored by Jovito Salonga and other senators, but her case is still under mandatory review by the Supreme Court. Interestingly, a janitor named Joel, who was in cahoots with her, managed to escape to Singapore despite a hold order by the Bureau of Immigration (the assistant regional BIR manager tipped him off about the crackdown despite Chato's admonition to her not to do so). In Singapore the janitor was arrested for holding a fake passport, but he again managed to escape from the custody of the NBI agents here and was never caught. Chato filed an administrative case against the manager who tipped him off but she also escaped.

Seven years later, Chato is still floored by the extent of the web of corruption, which covers several agencies, and the boldness of the culprits. In fact, the web has become more extensive now. Good luck to BIR chief Rene Bañez.

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Alay sa Kawal (ASK) Foundation, the oldest NGO devoted to the welfare of the ordinary soldier, and the Manila Jockey Club, one of the most prestigious racing clubs in Southeast Asia, have teamed up to hold the first "Alay sa Kawal Racing Festival" starting Aug. 21 to 25, 2002 at the San Lazaro Hippodrome. This was agreed upon by MJC president Alfonso Reyno and Edgardo B. Espiritu, ASK chair, and Ramon A. Pedrosa, ASK president, in order to help raise funds for ASK's benefit programs for the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in action or permanently incapacitated due to combat injuries. President Macapagal-Arroyo and First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, ASK's honorary chair, have been invited to grace the stakes race on Aug. 25, 2002, together with Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu and other top AFP officers. Handling the project is MJC vice president for corporate affairs Henri Khan. A luncheon press conference will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Manila Golf Club to discuss the details.

Stray dogs can kill

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

LAST Sunday, the president of our homeowners' association in Town and Country Executive Village in Antipolo, stood before the congregation at the morning and afternoon Masses in our village chapel to impart some sad news. One of the homeowners, said engineer Porthos Alma Jose, had passed away a few days previously as a result of a perennial problem in our subdivision: stray dogs roaming the streets.

Wednesday last week, the homeowner, with his 10-year-old daughter, was on his way to the neighborhood supermarket aboard his motorcycle when they were set upon by four ferocious dogs. Wanting to protect himself and his daughter, he swerved and lost control of the motorcycle. Both of them fell, and the father hit his head on the pavement and lost consciousness. They were rushed to the hospital, but the father never regained consciousness and passed away two days later. The girl survived with a fractured skull and injuries in the arms and shoulders.

The homeowner was an artist, a guitarist for a band that plays gigs around Asia. He was in fact scheduled to leave this month for a stint in Japan. He left behind his wife and three young children, between the ages of 10 and 15.

"The irresponsibility of a few of us allowing their dogs to chase cars, bicycles and joggers finally paid off at the expense of an innocent victim. I hope those directly responsible for this will not suffer the same misfortune," Alma Jose remarked, somewhat bitterly. And amazingly, he added, "despite the tragic loss of a human life and our desperate appeal for the last two days, we can still see dogs roaming around. We cannot understand how these people can have this kind of attitude."

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IN A CITY where criminality—from petty theft like cell-phone snatching to serious crimes like kidnapping and homicide—runs rampant, worrying about stray dogs seems a bit excessive. But it can't be denied that stray dogs and other animals have become a growing problem.

In Antipolo, the city council passed last year an ordinance against stray animals, citing the "grave threat" they pose to the health and safety of residents, such as rabies caused by animal bites and diseases spread by animal excrement, as well as attacks on hapless individuals, especially children, by vicious animals.

Alma Jose said he had requested the Antipolo mayor several times to send a team from the city pound to Town and Country to round up the stray dogs. He even wrote to a councilor to request that our homeowners' association officers be deputized to implement the order. All to no avail. "*Ang aso may ngipin, ang ordinansa wala* (Dogs have teeth, but the ordinance has no teeth)," he noted.

Elsewhere, similar ordinances, varying in severity and all applied spottily, have been passed by other local governments. In the news this past week was the sacking of the camp commander of Camp Karingal after he was charged with animal brutality when he ordered and carried out the killing of stray dogs.

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THE PROBLEM of stray animals, especially dogs, is not just a problem of weak law enforcement. It is also one of responsible pet ownership.

In the United States recently, the custodians of a pair of attack dogs were convicted after the dogs pounced on a woman in the corridor of their apartment building and wounded her so severely she eventually died. For failing to keep the dogs on a leash and preventing them from attacking, the custodians were deemed responsible for their neighbor's death.

Responsible pet ownership means not only properly caring for one's pets, but also making sure that they don't pose a danger to anyone, beginning with one's own family members. This is why anti-rabies shots are a must, not just for dogs but also for all other mammal pets, including cats.

In other countries, pet owners are required to use collars and place identification tags on their dogs, and to keep them on a leash when in public places. In fact, any dog without an ID or collar is deemed a stray and will be caught and placed in a pound. Owners are also expected to clean up after their pets, and will be cited for "littering" if they allow their pets' feces to remain uncollected on the streets and sidewalks.

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ANOTHER aspect of responsible pet ownership is controlled breeding. In fact, most pet advocates suggest that, unless you wish to go into breeding for profit, you have your pet neutered and thereby ensure the manageable growth of the animal population. If you wish to own more than one pet, animal rights advocates suggest that you adopt strays, either those already in pounds or abandoned by their owners.

"Don't tell me you're championing family planning even with our pets!" my brother exclaimed when I told him about this. But the principle is the same, I think. If it is within our power to ensure that every pet, as with every child, is able to find a loving home where it will be looked after and cared for, then by all means let's exercise that power and responsibility.

Pet owners often declare that the animals they care for are "just like family." But just as we find comfort, company and loyalty from family and pets, so are our families and pets our responsibility, as both parents and citizens.

It may be too late for our neighbor, who died trying to save his daughter from a pack of vicious dogs left to wander the supposedly safe streets of our village. But if we could prevent another such death from taking place, then the lessons would have been well learnt.

'Miscelanea Folk-Lorica'

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

THERE is a chapter in Isabelo de los Reyes' "El Folk-Lore Filipino" (1889), titled "Miscelanea Folk-Lorica." It contains the last will and testament of a D. Fernando Malang Balagtas, purportedly one of the rulers of the Philippines at the time of the conquest. De Los Reyes claims it was given to him by a relatively well known *ilustrado*, whose name he does not give. He is also careful to state that the material has to be considered raw and thus further research is needed to determine its authenticity. The document was supposedly presented on Aug. 29, 1690 in Bacolor by D. Baltazar Malanci, a native and resident of Apalit, who said it belonged to his ancestor.

The chances that this particular document would have survived the wear and tear of time are quite slim, given the cavalier manner in which archival documents were treated. Those familiar with De Los Reyes' work say he was a talented storyteller, so let's take it with a grain of salt. The old Filipino names alone are worth reading and some of the details are interesting. Here are some excerpts from the long document:

The testament

"In the town and mission of S. Carlos (then called Binalatongan) province of Pangasinan on the 25 of March of 1539, D. Fernando Malang Balagtas first baptized in the sacred conquest declare: In the name of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit: three persons distinct and one real God in whom I have entire faith as a Catholic Christian that I, D. Fernando, at present find myself very sick and prostrate in bed and I do not know the hour of my death. Because of this I invoke for my protection as intercessor and lawyer the sovereign empress of the Heavens Maria Santisima Ntra. Sra conceived without sin, all the saints of the celestial court to intercede to His Divine Majesty the pardon of my sins that I may enter into His glory when it pleases Him to take me from this life into eternity.

"I declare myself a widower, native of Tabungao province of Calumpit, legitimate son of Infante Malanci and the Sra. Vieja Malanci, departed non-Christians, and having 4 children with my deceased wife D. Juana Sisunan Musni Madlangbayan, D. Magadalena, D. Maria and D. Pedro Lubayan, D. Juan Pagsibulsibul who were all baptized in Cebu in the year 1524 whose godparents were myself and D. Gonzalo Pambagsic and his son.

Curious paragraph

"The principal Arao and his wife Maylac, Señores of these islands had a son, the principal Gatpandan y Lontoc and said Gatpandan had 6 children who became the founders of Ternate and said Lontoc married the Sra of Pasig who is Calangitan. They had 4 sons namely Panginoan, Selalila, Lahat and Cahia, owners and lords of these islands. Said Panginoan married Prince Balagtas, son of the Sovereign Emperor Soledan with the Empress Sasanban of the kingdom of Sapa. They had 3 sons who were Malanci, my father, Dapat Magmanuc and Macayabongdili. Said Malanci married Mandic, daughter of the principal Lahat and they had the following children: I (the executor) my name is Pansomun and my brother's name is Pambagsic. I married Samac who was baptized as D. Juana Sisuan, Sra de Tabun, and we had children and my son had two children with D. Magdalena Cadcad who are D. Maria Labay and D. Lucas Tangui and said Salalila who had three sons, namely, Lacandola the younger and the two rajas Matanda: Ladiamora and Lahat who had 9 children with the principal Timog, namely Gat-Bonton, Monmon Gat-chalian, Gat-Maitan, Macaralaga, Gat-maitim, Mandic, Gat-Dula and Dumandan.

"I declare and order that the flag be placed at the head of my coffin when they bring it to church not to bury it with me but to send it to my son D. Pedro Musni Madlangbayan so that he may turn it over to my nephew Lacandola the younger through my grandnephew Capt. D. Nicolas Gamboa who is coming to this mission to succeed me in the army and my other grandnephew D. Juan Macapagal.

"I declare and order that the house in the town of Tabungao I leave to my children whose condition and materials are of molave and beles and banaba of 6 pillars in 3 upper sections, of 6 varas and a half in height, of 14 varas and a half in length, 11 varas and a half wide, including the kitchen also made of the same materials with the same height as the house of 7 and a half varas wide, 6 varas length with the batalan of the same wood. It is furnished with 24 arm chairs, three tall tables and an altar table all of Tindalo and on top a gold plated tabernacle of 6 palms in height with 6 candlesticks, and 6 ramilletes, both of silver in whose center is fastened an image of the Dolorosa and an ivory crucifix both with indulgences granted by the bishop who baptized me in Cebu, 12 gold plated frames with images of the 12 apostles and 7 paintings of the 7 archangels also gold plated with a white brass lamp with its glass and 2 beds with canopy and bed linen of gauze and cotton and 2 dozen plates of silver.

"I declare and order that all the decorations, clothes and jewelry that I have in this mission be given to my executors together with 15 taeles of gold so that they may pray for me with the exception of the bed and linens to be given to my children since they belonged to my wife.

"Signed by D. Fernando Malang-Balagtas at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 5 days with witnesses the Maestre de Campo D. Agustin Lacandola, his lieutenant general D. Carlos Dimayuga, D. Nicolas Umbillo, D. Leonardo Josef Calapang, principal of Calumpit, etc."

Complications

I USED to teach this college subject called "Literatures of the Philippines." During class discussions, I would tell my students that life, just like fiction, has its complications. These complications come in different forms, such as coping with some loss, and they may either be resolved, half-resolved or not resolved at all. But whatever the situation may be, it becomes a part of our lives.

YOUNG BLOOD

Orlando P. Sayman Jr.

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

It was not hard to illustrate my point. I only had to think of my own experiences (mostly vicarious ones) to make the lesson easier to understand.

I taught with the conviction of a preacher. Now it's my turn to teach myself.

Recently I lost two of the most important things in my life, the things I was proud to tell others I had, things that people admired me for. First I lost my teaching job, and consequently I had to kiss law school goodbye.

I had no premonition they would happen. Or maybe I was too dumb not to have seen them coming. I used to think that you couldn't easily lose the things you worked hard for. But how could I be so sure when the truth is, you can build a dream for years and lose it in a second?

After I lost my job the complications set in. What will I do now? Be a professional *tambay sa kanto*? Prowl the streets for some excitement? Or worse, hang myself and have at least a controversial death?

Now I am another data in the ever-growing statistics of unemployed Filipinos. I went through it already when I graduated from college. Getting a decent job then was, as it is today, almost as difficult as winning the lottery.

Although I tell myself not to let my frustrations get to me, I am starting to feel the pain of losing the things that are dear to me. Now I have to get used to being idle again and filling every corner of our small house with my presence.

The feeling of loss, I think, comes from missing the things that I used to do. Now that classes have started, I still wake up early in the morning, forgetting that I am not teaching anymore. I would reach for the table which is no longer beside my bed. That was where I used to place (I really mean scatter) my things: books, board marker, eraser, index cards of different colors where my lessons are outlined, etc. My backpack is empty of the usual school trash. Except for my Moo Duk Kwan pop sheet, it contains no other papers. To the mice's dismay, I have stopped using my room as a storage room for pile upon pile of paper.

I usually feel some discomfort talking in front of people, but now I miss being in front of my students and desperately trying to convince them how beautiful our own literature really is.

I miss going to a class where the majority of students would rather that I didn't go there at all. But I would always arrive on time, causing this hopeful lot so much frustration.

I am not a grammar expert, but I enjoyed correcting my students' grammatical errors. Although they could hardly put words together and abused the English language more often than I did, their attempts to make sense was music to my ears. One time when I asked a student to interpret a line from a story, he answered: "Sir, the imply in the story is…." That was really funny, but the effort was very evident. If I were still teaching, by now I could probably come up with a book, titled "Students' Most Hilarious Answers" or "The Most Stupid Questions Teachers Ask." For even teachers are not exempt from stupidity.

I am not a sociable individual, but when I was in the faculty I inevitably got to observe teachers in the faculty lounge. There were characters of various kinds: comic, pathetic, sarcastic, etc. One of them never got tired of talking about her own interesting life, how intelligent her students were, how great her family was. Another always had some momentous concerns to discuss like the poorly functioning lights or leaking faucets at home. The lounge was like a market place where everyone had something to trade, be it hot gossip or symptoms of madness.

Law school was not much different. Most people there suffered from a dreadful disease called delusion of grandeur, starting with the teachers who believed they are gods. They were convinced lawyers were so indispensable that without them the world would stop turning. Many students quickly accepted this proposition and soon they had become just like their teachers.

Despite being disturbed by such unusual behavior, I still see myself going back to school. I know it is not a comfortable place to be. Whether one is a teacher or student, every day is a struggle. As a teacher, I have to live by what I teach. As a student, I have to live on caffeine to keep my eyes wide open.

The good thing about finding myself amid so much insanity was that it gave me more opportunities to check my own sanity. Amid the hypocrisy, I found people who were honest about themselves, and I made these rare creatures my friends. Amid the falsehood, I learned to ascertain reality.

I may not have the patience of Job, but I am trying to resolve the complications in my life. Unlike fiction, however, I have to do it myself. Not even a brilliant writer can do it for me.

I am back to submitting resumés and application letters again. How this is going to end, I have no idea. But that is what makes the search for a new job as exciting as a mystery novel. If fate will be kind to me again, I am sure I have gained the needed experience to teach more convincingly such things as resolving complications.

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THEY SAID

Endings, beginnings

"The right of their aching backs ends where the need to conserve public finances begins."

—Rep. Rolando Andaya on the Commission on Elections' purchase of high-end vehicles

Lies and the truth

"The tobacco industry lies to promote its products—all we have to do to destroy them is tell the truth."

—Gerard Dubois of France's National Anti-Smoking Committee on the advertisement showing a man dying of lung cancer

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Lawmakers playing blind to graft and corruption

LEGISLATORS who reacted quite strongly to the comments of US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone that corruption is a concern affecting investments must be blind, or in a state of denial.

The reality is, there is empirical evidence that strongly suggests a correlation between the quality of governance and its impact on economic growth.

The seminal works of Kaufmann (1996), Mauro (1995) and Urata and Kawai (1999) draw a distinct connection between high levels of corruption and sluggish growth. In the University of the Philippines, Prof. Emmanuel de Dios and governance expert Edgardo Campos have likewise done research locally and reached the same conclusions.

These studies simply validate what we already know. We know because we suffer daily from poor infrastructure and stretched-out capacities of social services delivery, while watching congressmen and senators drive by in their luxury vehicles.

How come the ordinary Pinoy knows that political institutions are corrupt and our honorable officials do not?

Some of our congressmen have the temerity to say that we should look for those particular people and agencies so that they can be investigated. These people must be given a mirror. They work for an institution where people spend millions for their candidacies while getting paid a few thousands.

Mahirap gisingin ang nagtutulug-tulugan.

The funny thing is, we are hearing the robbers blame the Americans for what the political elite has been committing right before our eyes. *Ninanakawan ka na, itinuturo pa sa iba.*

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Australia violating rules of fair trade

THE AGRICULTURAL trade between Australia and the Philippines is so lopsided it could make one weep. Australia exports between $300 million and $500 million a year in various agricultural products to the Philippines. From feeder cattle to dairy products that jam the supermarkets, we have been an open market to everything that Australia can sell to us. In return, Australia buys between $10 million and $20 million a year, a token gesture. And the overall trade surplus is bigger.

The reason is not that we have nothing to sell. Or, we can only present an export inventory of shabby, shoddy and infected agricultural products. In fact, we have world-class exports that are waiting to break into the Australian market, bananas and pineapples among them.

The reason is not lack of effort. The effort to sell bananas and pineapples to Australia has been a 14-year struggle.

The reason is trade protectionism, carried out to its worst and its most brazen form by Canberra.

A two-year import risk analysis (IRA) on bananas and pineapples—to test whether they are safe for the Australian market—was supposed to have been completed on June 30. Then Agriculture Secretary Edgardo Angara was able to work out the IRA tests in 2000, only after he threatened to phase out importation of feeder cattle from Australia in five years.

Preliminary reports from Australia after the two-year wait were discouraging.

On bananas, the recommendation is to ban shipments from the Philippines, alleging that local bananas are infested with so many diseases. While Australia may approve the entry of Philippine pineapples, the conditions attached are so strict that it would make exporting there unprofitable.

Such actions are baseless. Philippine bananas and pineapples are acceptable in the global market and are fit for the Australian market, an issue that was "settled" in 2000 when Canberra agreed to carry out the IRA tests.

What is more tragic is the wishy-washy and vacillating position of the Philippine government on the gross violation of fair trading rules by Australia. Our trade and agriculture departments cannot even agree on what position to take, with the Department of Trade and Industry taking a lame stand. There is even a silly proposition to take the case to the World Trade Organization, where the case will surely gather cobwebs.

Fighting tough is the only negotiating term understood by Australia.

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Medel made no formal retraction

THIS is in response to Justice Undersecretary Manuel Teehankee's statement which was quoted by the INQUIRER last July 23.

His statement gives the impression that Philip Medel's recantation was valid and that the only issue left to be resolved by the Department of Justice panel of investigators is whether or not this would weaken the National Bureau of Investigation's case in light of other evidence so far gathered by the agency in the course of its investigation; or whether or not the other evidence can legally stand independently of Medel's recantation.

During several meetings I had with the NBI investigators, particularly Director Reynaldo Wycoco, and prior to the filing of the case for preliminary investigation, I was advised and informed that Medel had never executed a formal or written statement of recantation. Hence, I was never furnished a copy because there was none to give.

Given this fact, it would seem therefore that investigators would need to resolve first the issue of whether or not Medel made a valid recantation during the preliminary investigation conducted by Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco last No. 23, 2001 at the DOJ.

My client, Katherine J. Torres and I are indeed saddened by the pronouncement because it tends to prejudge the outcome of the preliminary investigation before it has even started. We have been exceedingly prudent in refusing or avoiding any television or radio interviews on the matter lest both my client and I be accused of trying to influence its outcome. In fact, Torres has been swift and adamant in preventing or eliminating any implication that would lend business color to the case by her stern warning to any interested movie producer to cease and desist from filming her mother's life story.

As Torres' lawyer, I would highly appreciate the exercise of great caution by government officials in making statements to the media which could be construed as undue interference with the panel's work of conducting a preliminary investigation on the Nida Blanca case.

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Incentives boosted exports

ON BEHALF of the Department of Trade and Industry, I would like to shed light on the issues raised and at the same time point out factual errors in the article "Tax perks cost government P187 billion, says DOF" which appeared last July 16.

The article, quoting unnamed Department of Finance officials, mentions that the government was deprived of P187.2 billion in potential tax revenues, an amount which would have been more than enough to wipe out last year's budget deficit.

I assumed that the figure mentioned is for year 2001 since a breakdown was provided for some of the components for year 2001. However, a figure of P10.57 billion to P15.645 billion was attributed to BOI incentives for 2000.

Per BOI records, availment of tax incentives based on actual tax declarations for 2000 amounted to only P1.12 billion. This apparent overestimation makes all the figures in the article suspect.

However, the bigger issue is really the simplistic but erroneous view advanced in the article that that the effectiveness of investment incentives should be evaluated solely on the basis of how much it costs the government. With such reasoning, one can easily come to the conclusion that the government should not spend a single centavo on investment incentives.

If we did not allow duty-free importation of equipment and raw materials for exporters, we will not have today our world-class electronics industry which accounts for 68 percent of all our exports and which provides 300,000 in direct employment and millions in indirect employment. Attracting exporters to the Philippines is a no-lose proposition for the Philippine government and its people. Even if the government does not collect a single centavo in income taxes and duties from these firms, it will still be ahead as these firms generate employment which translate into consumption, payroll taxes and VAT. Let us not be so naïve as to think that these firms will locate in the Philippines even if we do not offer duty free-importation as there are many other countries offering these incentives.

Let us not count the beans that we've lost if we would not have had the beans in the first place.

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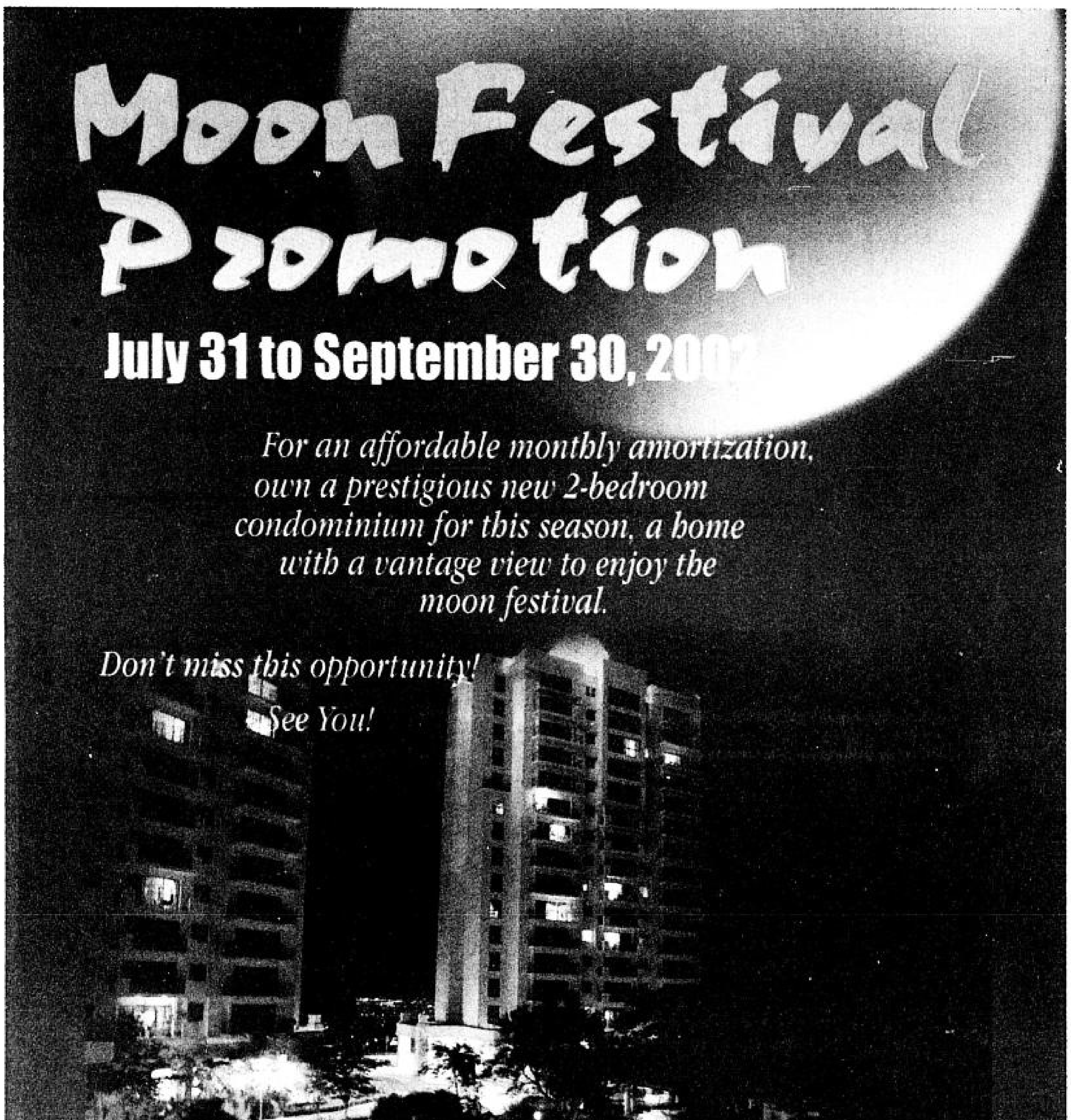

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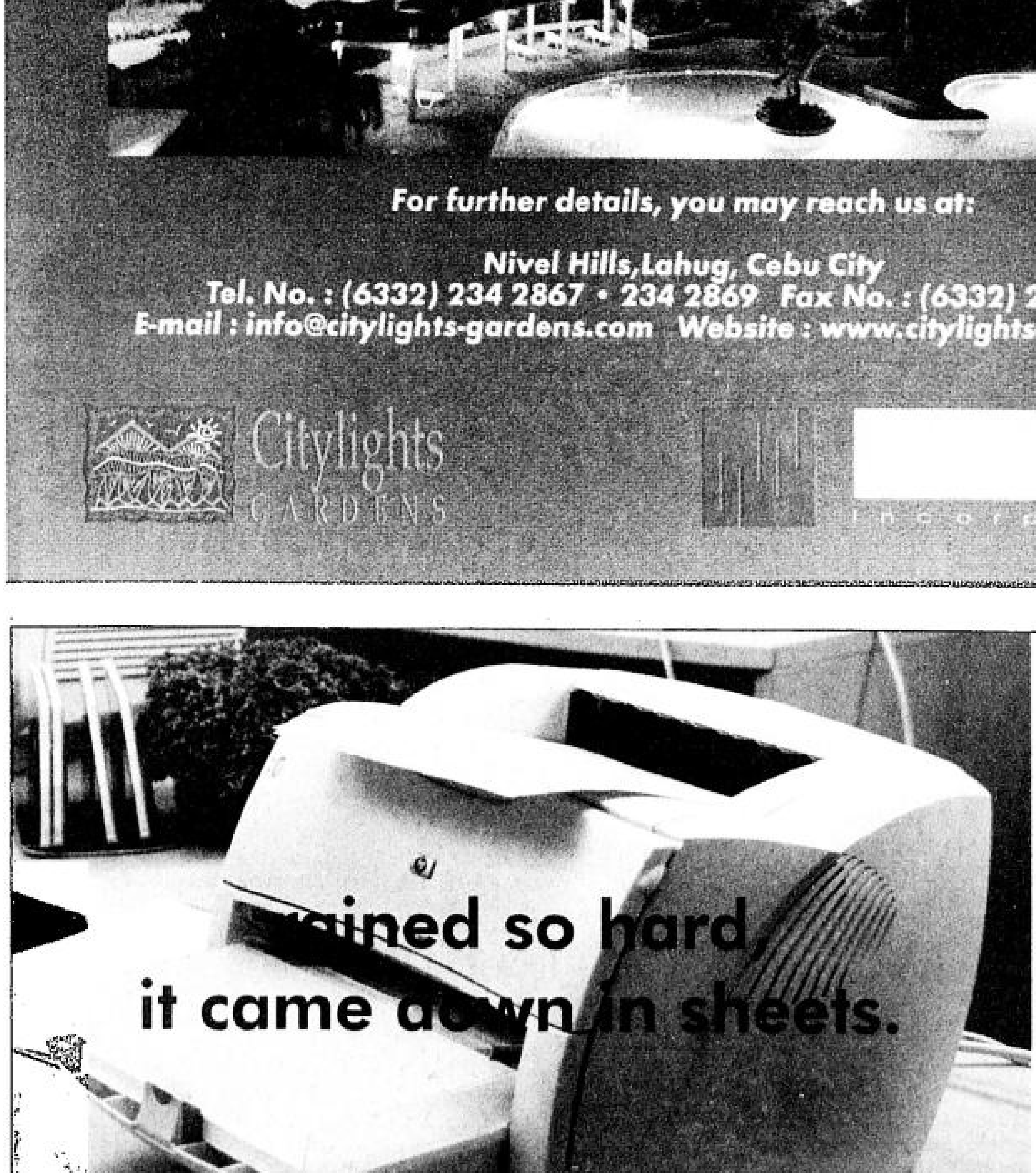

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Iraq may allow arms checks anew

By Evelyn Leopold

UNITED NATIONS—Iraq on Thursday invited the chief UN weapons inspector to Baghdad for technical talks, saying it could lead to a return of the arms inspectors after a 3-1/2 year hiatus.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri, in a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said the chief UN arms inspector, Hans Blix, was welcome to discuss outstanding disarmament issues "at the earliest agreed upon time."

Sabri, however, stressed that Blix and his experts should conduct a "comprehensive review" to assess the degree of Iraqi weapons compliance. Blix has said he could not do this until the inspectors were on the ground and could ascertain what had happened since late 1998, when they were last in Iraq.

"We believe that this review will be an important step towards the appropriate legal and technical assessment and treatment of the issues of disarmament and to establish a solid base for the next stage of monitoring and inspection activities . . .," Sabri said in the letter.

Sabri and Annan last met in Vienna on July 4-5, the third time this year, to talk about the return of inspectors but did not reach an agreement.

Annan has said the United Nations was open to technical talks but that he would not meet Sabri again on this issue unless Baghdad was willing to allow the arms experts to return. *Reuters*

Australia PM: US likely to attack Iraq

CANBERRA—Australian Premier John Howard warned Friday that the United States was likely to attack Iraq and Australia would probably be asked to join in.

He also acknowledged that there could be a price to pay but said the threat posed by Iraq should not be allowed to go unchecked.

Canberra was conscious that involvement with the United States could produce negative consequences, Howard said.

He did not spell out what those consequences could be, although Iraq has already threatened to halve its Australian wheat imports because of earlier statements in support of a pre-emptive US strike aimed at toppling President Saddam Hussein's regime.

Howard told a Melbourne radio station that those who advocated an attack took the view that Iraq could acquire nuclear weapons or might eventually use other weapons of mass destruction against Israel or other countries.

"The world will then turn around and say to the US why didn't you do something about this problem," he said.

"In the end it is always in Australia's national interest to see that the threat posed by people like Saddam is not allowed to go completely unchecked.

"On the other hand the country is a long way from Australia and there are some consequences if any military involvement were to take place." Military action against Iraq was more likely than not, he said. *AFP*

Parents seek to clear Diana driver's name

LONDON—The parents of the French driver blamed for the car crash that killed Princess Diana said Friday that they are taking legal action to clear his name.

Henri Paul died in the Aug. 31, 1997 crash in a Paris traffic tunnel that also killed Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed. An investigation concluded that Paul had been drinking and was driving at a high speed.

Jean and Gisele Paul say they are not convinced the blood sample used to judge his alcohol level was their son's.

"We want to know the truth. We're certain that our son wasn't drunk," Paul's mother, Gisele Paul, told British Broadcasting Corp. radio

"We don't accept it . . . They say parents can be biased, but everyone he knew would say the same," she added, speaking through a translator.

The Pauls did not specify what legal action they are taking, but said they want the French government to hand over the blood sample for DNA tests. They say the high level of carbon monoxide found in his blood would have rendered him incapable of walking, let alone driving a car.

Gisele Paul said 30 autopsies were done at a Paris morgue on the day Paul's body was taken there.

"You can imagine how they could have been mixed up. You can see how there could have been a mistake," she told the BBC. *AP*

VOIDED, BUT NOT FOR LONG

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Work continues at the construction site of the World Trade Center ground zero area August 1 in New York City. Governor George Pataki has said that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey should look beyond the site of the former World Trade Center to other places in downtown Manhattan to rebuild commercial space destroyed in the September 11, 2001 attack.

Italy senators walk out to protest pro-Berlusconi bill

ROME—Opposition lawmakers walked out of Italy's Senate and others wore blindfolds on Thursday in protest at the passage of a bill that could allow Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to avoid trial on charges of bribing judges.

Recognizing that they could not defeat the bill since Berlusconi's center-right coalition enjoys a comfortable majority, many opposition senators abandoned the chamber.

Others wore black blindfolds across their faces and white roses in their lapels as the measure was carried by 162 to nine with one abstention in the 315-seat Senate as most of the opposition did not vote.

"This law will be abused by those accused of Mafia crimes and powerful men of today and tomorrow who wish to be above the law," Gavino Angius, Senate leader of the Democrats of the Left, the largest opposition party.

The bill, which would let defendants demand a new trial if there was "legitimate suspicion" that judges were biased, has sparked virulent protests.

Berlusconi, a billionaire businessman who came to power a year ago, is due to go on trial in Milan later this year on charges of bribing judges in the mid-1980s to win control of SME, a food company.

He denies the charges and has said judges in the northern city are conducting a politically motivated vendetta.

The bill now goes to the lower house after the summer recess, probably in September, before it can become law.

Berlusconi's supporters in the Senate praised the proposed law as sound, balanced and necessary to protect the rights of all Italians. *Reuters*

Israel troops, tanks roll into West Bank city

By Hassan Titi

NABLUS, West Bank—Israeli troops backed by more than 100 tanks poured into the center of the West Bank city of Nablus on Friday, killing three Palestinians as Israel hit back for a Jerusalem university bombing in which seven died.

The Israeli army said it was launching a mission to root out a "local terror network" just two days after the militant Palestinian group Hamas detonated a bomb in a cafeteria at Hebrew University, killing five Americans and two Israelis.

The bodies of two of the Americans were being flown home on Friday as the FBI launched an investigation into the attack, which drew words of outrage from US President George W. Bush.

The American deaths seemed certain to complicate US attempts to calm a conflict raging for more than 22 months.

Hamas, dedicated to Israel's destruction, said Wednesday's bombing was part of its revenge for a Gaza air raid last week that killed its military commander, his lieutenant and 13 other Palestinians, including nine children.

After vowing harsh retaliation against Hamas, Israel sent columns of tanks deep into the heart of Palestinian-ruled Nablus, which had been surrounded and under curfew for weeks.

Troops exchanged fire with gunmen as they assaulted their main target, the Casbah, or Old City, a warren of alleyways where militants holed up and fought fiercely during a month-long Israeli offensive in the West Bank last spring.

"Our objective is to eliminate the local terror network, especially the bomb factories we believe exist there," a senior Israeli officer said as the raid began under cover of darkness.

Witnesses said soldiers moved from house to house by smashing inner walls to avoid exposure outside, as they searched for militants.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, the army blew up the home of a Palestinian gunman who killed two Israelis in Jerusalem last November before police shot him dead. Relatives of the militant said 50 people were made homeless.

In Tulkarm, also in the West Bank, Israeli forces destroyed a house belonging to the family of a Palestinian suicide bomber who killed three people in the central Israeli city of Netanya in March 2001, the military said.

A PALESTINIAN boy throws stones at an Israeli tank during clashes in the Balata refugee camp August 1 near the West Bank town of Nablus. GETTY IMAGES

The demolitions followed a decision on Wednesday by Israel's security cabinet to take punitive action against relatives of militants who order or carry out attacks against Israelis.

Israeli officials say the measures could deter future attackers.

An Israeli general signed orders late on Thursday for the deportation from the West Bank to the fenced-in Gaza Strip of two brothers of wanted militants.

Lawyers for the men said they would appeal against the orders, which along with house demolitions have been described by Palestinian officials as collective punishment.

Palestinian security and medical sources said troops killed a Hamas member in his home in a village on the outskirts of Nablus and shot dead two other Palestinians in the Casbah area. *Reuters*

Pope heads home after gruelling Americas tour

MEXICO CITY—Pope John Paul II headed home Thursday after an exhausting 10-day Americas tour during which he took up the cause of indigenous people, expressed shame over pedophilia scandals that rocked the Church and called for "a civilization of love." Stooped, fatigued and at times in evident pain, the frail pontiff nonetheless displayed an astonishing ability to endure lengthy ceremonies and tiring travels in spite of his advanced age and infirmities.

At the end of his trip, he even walked up the stairs to the aircraft rather than use a hydraulic lift.

The 82-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church headed back to Rome immediately after celebrating mass at Mexico City's Basilica of Guadalupe, concluding a trip that also took him to Canada and Guatemala.

During the mass, he beatified two indigenous Mexicans killed in 1700 by fellow villagers whom the pair had denounced for praying to traditional gods in violation of Spanish colonial laws. Beatification is the first step toward sainthood.

The ceremony again put the spotlight on the Americas' first inhabitants, after the pontiff on Wednesday canonized 16th century native Mexican Juan Diego, making him the continent's first indigenous Catholic saint.

Diego is said to have had visions of a dark-skinned, Aztec-speaking Virgin Mary, though some within the Church say the story was invented by Spanish colonialists in a bid to gain converts to their faith. *AFP*

POPE John Paul II waves to the faithful after arriving for the final Mass of his three-country tour at the Basilica of Guadalupe August 1 in Mexico City, Mexico. GETTY IMAGES

Inventor of clumping cat litter dies

SAN ANTONIO—The man credited with inventing clumping cat litter and perfecting Liquid Paper correction fluid was remembered on Thursday by family and friends as a gifted scientist whose work found wide use.

Polymer chemist William Mallow also worked on the space shuttle's heat-resistant tiles, developed a way to artificially age Scotch whiskey and improved the rubber skin used on robot dinosaurs at Walt Disney World.

Mallow, a native of Akron, Ohio, died of leukemia at age 72 in a San Antonio hospital on Tuesday. He worked for the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio until his 1998 retirement.

"Bill was a unique, energetic individual with an ability to use chemistry to create some very practical and down-to-earth products. He was a people's chemist with an enthusiasm and love for invention that he shared with everyone," said Dr. Robert Bass, a colleague at the Southwest Research Institute.

Mallow developed cat litter that clumped together around urine and other waste, allowing the box to be cleaned daily with ease.

While at the institute, Mallow also helped Liquid Paper inventor Bette Nesmith Graham refine her creation.

The US Air Force veteran's latest project was a slippery gel dubbed the Mobility Denial System. Designed to foil attacks on government buildings and control crowds, it can be sprayed on any surface and causes people to slip and fall and prevents vehicles from getting traction. *Reuters*

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CHR upholds Abu suspect's arrest

DAVAO CITY—The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) ruled that soldiers did not violate the rights of suspected Abu Sayyaf member Buyong-buyong Isnijal when they raided his house in Basilan on July 25.

But Ciriaco Jabido Jr., CHR director for Western Mindanao, said they have not established the participation of American soldiers in the raid, much more the allegations that one of them shot and injured Isnijal.

He said what an investigating team from the CHR had confirmed was that a US soldier administered first aid on Isnijal before he was brought to Lamitan District Hospital.

"The US medic injected him with an antibiotic immediately, one vial is worth more than P1,000 so there really was no intent to kill," Jabido said.

He said the investigating team also managed to establish the presence of other US soldiers at the hospital on the day Isnijal was shot.

But Jabido said it was not conclusive on whether US soldiers directly participated in the raid.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo, earlier said the International Solidarity Mission had discovered that a S/Sgt. Reggie Lane shot and wounded Isnijal.

The ISM's evidence includes testimony from Judaira, Isnijal's wife.

Jabido said the investigating team did not discount the possibility that US soldiers were near the house during the raid.

"We have reasons to believe that US soldiers were there if only on the basis of the testimony of the wife," he said.

On whether or not Isnijal's rights were violated as being alleged, Jabido said that the investigating team found that the suspected bandit was shot while trying to escape.

He said the doctor who received Isnijal at the Lamitan District Hospital told the team that the trajectory of the bullet that hit Isnijal's left thigh was flat.

"It entered at the rear portion of the thigh and exited at the front, which leads us to the conclusion that he was shot while attempting to escape," he said.

The path of the bullet would have been different if Isnijal was lying down according to Jabido.

"The trajectory of the bullet would have been angular if he was lying face down," he said.

The fact that Isnijal was hit in the left thigh also indicated that the soldiers, supposedly numbering around 30, just really wanted to arrest him.

Isnijal was being sought on murder and rape charges.

"The issue of whether there were human rights violations is more or less settled," Jabido said.

He said the CHR will also ask Ocampo to present his affidavit and the empty cartridge supposedly recovered from Isnijal's house.

In General Santos City, a local court ordered the release of a suspected Abu Sayyaf bandit who was charged with the April 21 mall bombing there that killed at least 15 people. *Joel Escovilla and Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

'We've been had,' cops say of 'kidnapping'

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—"We've been had."

Supt. Rey Lyndon Lawas, Dumaguete police chief, admitted Thursday that he had fallen for a hoax by a con artist who claimed to be a daughter of former Tourism Secretary Gemma Cruz-Araneta, who had been kidnapped and taken to Negros Oriental.

Lawas said the person responsible was a girl from Cagayan de Oro City.

"We were not the only ones who fell victim to this person," Lawas said.

He declined to identify her except that she is 30 years old and has an IQ of 142 to 147. He said the girl could alter her voice to assume a new character and could speak English with British and Spanish accents.

Lawas said he learned about the girl from Philippine Military Academy (PMA) classmates who read about the supposed kidnapping, which left the police baffled.

"After this story came out in the papers, some of my fellow PMAers called me to say that they had also been victims of this woman," he told the INQUIRER.

Lawas said he and the other victims were studying the filing of charges against her.

The girl pulled the prank for "trip," said Lawas.

"She sent us a total of 18 cell cards, which were relayed through text messages or through telephone calls from someone she called 'mommy,' or Mrs. Lina," Lawas said.

Lawas said it started Sunday morning when a woman called him, asking him to return call to a cellphone number allegedly that of Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr.

He did and was referred to a certain Attorney De la Cerna who told him a "Mrs. Araneta," through "Mrs. Lina," wanted help to locate a daughter, Donabelle. Donabelle's cellphone number was given, which Lawas called.

Donabelle said she and an old woman from Davao were kidnapped in Manila, brought to Davao and arrived in Dumaguete July 26 on a private plane.

She was taken to a house and was locked and hog-tied in a basement where she was raped by six men.

In another call, she said she overheard from her "abductors" that she was being kept in a house in Pamplona town.

Policemen rushed to the area but there was no Donabelle.

Donnabelle called again Monday, saying her abductors abandoned her in a house along the beach. Police searched the beaches but found nothing.

Donabelle called again to say she escaped and was in Barangay Malusay, Guihulngan town. Again, police responded and went home empty handed.

On Tuesday, Donabelle called Lawas again to say she was again kidnapped by a woman and four men who demanded P5 million.

She called again to say she escaped by shooting three of her captors and was in Barangay McKinley, Guihulngan. Police went to Guihulngan only to be told by phone by Donabelle that her brother fetched her and they were already in Dumaguete.

"I was entertaining doubts about the authenticity of the whole thing but I kept reminding myself that lives were at stake and that our help may be needed," Lawas said.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will experience rains and gusty winds. The coastal waters of these areas will be moderate to rough. The rest of Luzon and Northwestern Visayas will experience occasional monsoon rains. SOURCE: **PAGASA**

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Clark Zone	Monsoon Rains	Hi 29°	Lo 23°
Tagaytay	Monsoon Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 20°
Legazpi	Monsoon Rains	Hi 29°	Lo 25°
Calapan	Monsoon Rains	Hi 30°	Lo 23°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy	Hi 30°	Lo 24°
Roxas	Partly Cloudy	Hi 31°	Lo 25°
Cebu	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 25°
Tacloban	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33°	Lo 24°
Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33°	Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
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Preserving culture through beads

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THE STRANDS of beads are not just pretty priceless trinkets but jewels interwoven into the story of how Ilonggos live hundreds of years before Spanish colonizers reached the shores of Panay in 1570.

"It plays in your imagination. I am fascinated with how early Filipinos produce and fashion beautiful beads, and what they were for in ancient times," said Lourdes Parreño Dellota, owner of Dellota Antiques in Jaro, Iloilo City.

Dellota, 73, owns a large collection of beads, both heirloom and ancient beads. But expensive as they are rare, Dellota's beads hardly come close to the fame of her antique "santo" (saint) collection although a number of young collectors are beginning to appreciate her work of 30 years.

Heirloom beads are those which are handed down from generation to generation. They are often made of gold, silver, ceramics and other precious stones. But Dellota is more drawn to ancient beads that turn up in pre-Spanish burial sites in Iloilo and other provinces on Panay Island.

The excavated beads come in a variety of colors, shapes and materials. They are rounded, oval, lozenge-shaped, bicones, double bicones and globular, among others.

They come in many shades of yellow, red, brown, green and blue. They are made of corals, semi-precious stones, ceramic and translucent glass. The baubles are sometimes cut as small as a "mungo" bean for multi-coil beads, or bigger for single strand necklaces.

Sung and Ming dynasties beads

Dellota associated the beads found in burial areas in Panay with the Sung and Ming dynasties in China.

A dynasty is a period where emperors belong to the same family. China's Sung dynasty came to power in 960 to 279 AD and was credited with having refined many of the developments of the previous centuries in the fields of historical writing, painting, calligraphy and hard-glazed porcelain-making. Historians here say that the blue and white pottery from China brought to Panay were made during this period.

The Ming dynasty reached the zenith of power during the first quarter of the 15th century and was noted for its maritime expeditions in its early years. The dynasty brought stability to Chinese politics, economy, art and society.

LOURDES Parreño Dellota with her photo album of beads she strung and sold.

MA. DIOSA LABISTE

An annotation from the Museo Iloilo on the archeological sites found on Panay Island noted that from the 9th to 13th century, people in Panay traded with visitors from Persia, China and mainland Southeast Asia.

In exchange for their pottery, gold works and foodstuff, the natives of Panay acquired large quantities of porcelain, many of which turned up in the burial sites.

Now displayed at the Museo Iloilo are Chinese porcelain, stoneware jars of the Sung dynasty as well as metal implements, net sinkers, paste and glass beads, and filigrees that were found from an archeological dig site in Cubay, San Dionisio town, 118 kilometers north of Iloilo City.

Beads came to collectors, among them Dellota, from pot hunters in search for Chinese porcelain in centuries-old burial grounds.

Digging is guesswork, and everyone is on his own. "There were no such things as proper digging tools," said Dellota.

Beads are rare items in grave sites; one can hardly find a strand of beads. Diggers have to sift through the soil because beads are scattered on the ground.

Beads reached the collectors in trickles. Dellota's beads came from Isla de Gigantes in Carles town, 147 km north of Iloilo City, and Barotac Nuevo, 33 km north of here.

In the 1960s, when Dellota was starting her collection, a matchbox of beads found in a burial ground in Barotac Nuevo costs P25. When the source was exhausted, the same quantity sells for P75, later P120 and much later P160. "Now even at P200, there is no more to have," said Dellota.

When diggers no longer find beads in the burial sites, they expanded their search to Palawan and Bohol.

Beads are adornments of pre-Hispanic people in Panay.

They speak of the status of a person who wears it.

Pioneer

Extensive bead collections were found in private hands because the museums have no money to buy the antique pieces of jewelry, said Dellota. As yet, the government has also not taken steps to study beads found all over the country.

Dellota claimed that other antique dealers do not have the extent of her bead collections.

Dellota said she started her beads collection long before there was any interest on beads here. In 1972, she joined exhibits in Manila, and held a one-woman show on beads and necklaces in Iloilo City also on that year.

But it was in the Asia Antique Exhibition held on Sept. 29 to Oct. 9, 1978 at the Century Park Sheraton, where she was among 19 Filipino antique collectors, that she caught the public's attention. She earned a good review in the January-February 1979 issue of the Arts of Asia Magazine for her collection of beads that she showed in the exhibition.

"I was able to make a good presentation of necklaces which I strung," she recalled. "I was able to sell a number of pieces and they fetched good sums."

But not all of Dellota's beads are for sale. She displays specimen beads so that visitors and collectors would know the many kinds she had acquired through the years, something that other collectors would not bother to do.

The specimen beads are kept in glass cabinets, strung or displayed bead by bead. Even empty plastic pill packs are used as containers of beads.

Some of the beads are distinctive because of their combed designs, done by dragging through lines on the surface. Others have large holes, bubbly glass, imperfect shapes, peaks around their holes and opaque oblates. Also displayed are a variety of precious and semi-precious stones like deep rubies and dusky carnelians.

Dellota keeps a photo album of the beads, both heirloom and excavated beads that she had strung and sold to private collectors and society matrons.

She told of a story of a woman who came all the way from Hawaii asking Dellota to sell to her a strand of her specimen beads. When Dellota refused, the woman, who was doing studies of beads, settled for half a strand of a long necklace.

Life-long passion

Dellota stressed that she has not been collecting antiques and beads for the money. "It's my life-long passion . . . dedicated to the younger generations," she said.

She had donated or loaned out some of her collection to museums. When she exhibited her collection, she would usually leave behind a few pieces.

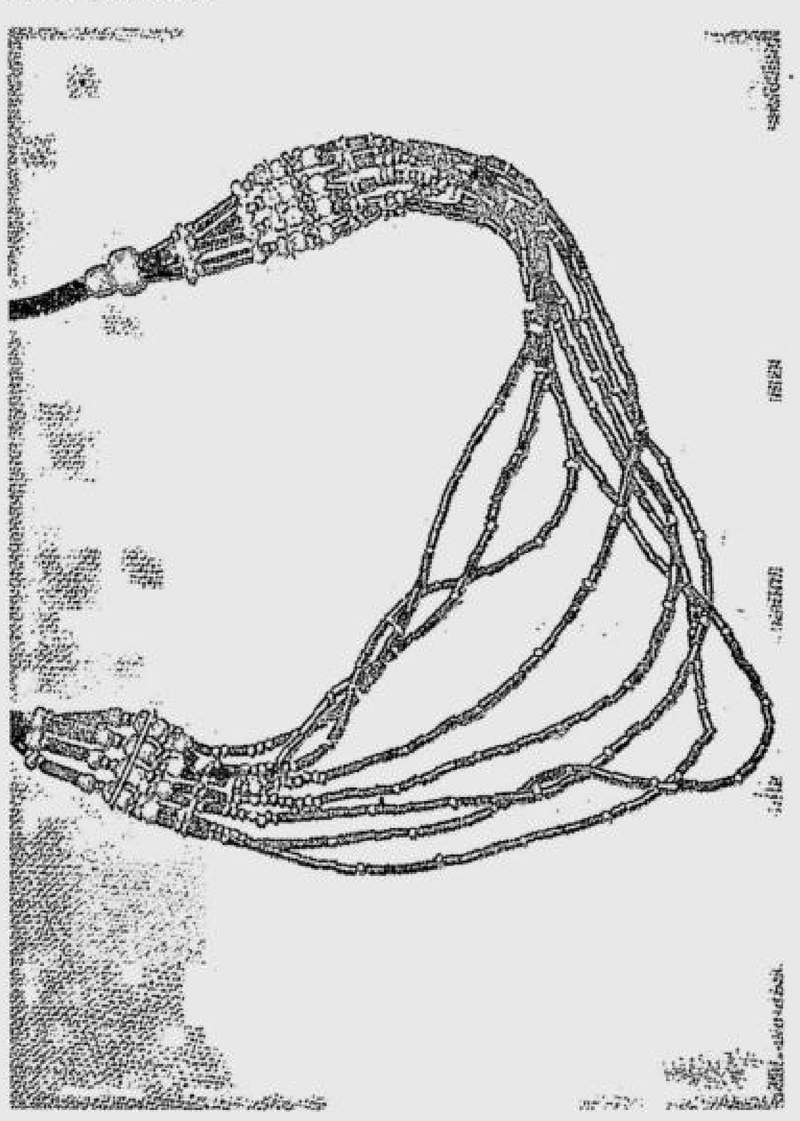
Dellota encourages others to become collectors like her.

Recently she has inspired young professionals to take interest in beadwork, even parting with them some of her collection. They would spend hours talking of how to come up with attractive ways of presenting the beads, mixing the ancient beads with contemporary ones.

But Dellota has some beads that she keeps in a small chest. These beads she considers "priceless" because they were strung when her eyesight was good and not affected as today by diabetes that has also slowed her down.

Dellota said she hopes that artists, cultural workers, private antique collectors and the government would also take antique bead collection as an aspect of showcasing and preserving Filipino culture. She wants more studies made on the origins, development, and beadwork skills of early Filipinos in order to teach younger generations about beads.

She rued the fact that moneyed foreign scholars and collectors are snapping up ancient and heirloom beads from Filipino collectors and pot diggers. "There maybe none left for our children and their children to see," said Dellota.



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ONE of Dellota's collection of ancient and heirloom beads.

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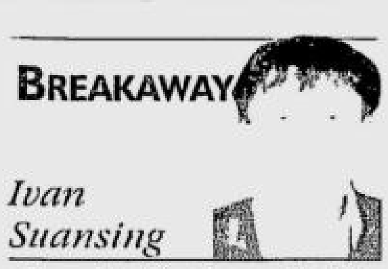
THIS photo that accompanied the INQUIRER Visayas feature "Comfort woman becomes symbol of courage, hope" (July 27, 2002, p. 14) was not that of Tomasa Salinog, the comfort woman from Antique, but of Remedios Felias, also a comfort woman from Burauen, Leyte, who was featured in the INQUIRER Visayas in September 2000. This photo, taken when Felias was 17 years old, was erroneously mislabeled as that of Salinog's. Our apologies to Lola Tomasa and Lola Remedios. *INQUIRER Visayas Bureau Chief*

Sex scandals in the Church



BREAKAWAY

Ivan Suansing

A RECALL election may be called to unseat a tyrant, but never to suit the fancy of politicians and their vested interests.

To be yanked out of his office before his term ends, an elected leader must have committed grave wrongdoing that has to be answered with a response stronger than just filing a case with the office of the Ombudsman.

What has Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña done to deserve a recall petition?

He suffered from hypertension briefly, exhibited little humility most of the time, and once rudely sent a gate crasher and a village chieftain scampering out of his City Hall office. To a group of Cebu City barangay captains who sucked up to ex-mayor Alvin Garcia, Osmeña's nemesis, those were good enough reasons.

On July 6, they voted to pass a recall petition against the incumbent mayor. If the Commission on Elections validates that petition, which was signed by [illegible] out of 720 barangay officials in Cebu City, a mid-term recall election will be called.

In the 2001 elections, Osmeña got more than 128,000 votes to turn back Garcia's challenge. Now Garcia just needs 399 people to rob his rival of victory.

Fortunately, several national lawmakers have started to look closely into the law that allows this mathematical and logical anomaly. In any reckoning, there's no way majority of barangay officials, acting as a "constituent assembly," could overrule popular mandate.

Otherwise, there would be no end to political conspiracies. In Cebu City, village officials were herded into a hotel the night before the preparatory recall assembly, wined and dined, and keyed up to cry convincingly "loss of confidence."

But as the result of the last elections showed, the people have a way of punishing those who disrespect their will.

Many of the village officials who pushed for the recall of the city mayor, despite the absence of an overwhelming clamor for his ouster, were roundly repudiated.

Mayor Osmeña may not be the best mayor this city has seen, but that, at the proper time, is for Cebuano voters—not petty politicians, paid hacks and obstructionists—to say.

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SEX SCANDAL. How leaders of the Catholic Church in Cebu will deal with the double-whammy—successive revelations of sexual abuses committed by priests—which recently jolted this city of religious folk will spell the difference between stronger faith and disillusionment.

For so long, stories of priestly perversions were hot barroom topics and gossip items. When two former altar boys finally decided to come out in the open and spill the beans on Fr. Apolinario Mejorada, an Augustinian father, and Fr. Mercurio Montenegro, of Missioneros del Sagrado Corazon, many weren't surprised.

In the case of Fr. Mejorada, members of the Augustinian religious community reached a settlement with four of the victims. But one flared up after seeing the priest in Cebu City. This violated one of the key agreements—that the priest be exiled, preferably to the African wilderness.

Fr. Montenegro, who allegedly molested more than 30 victims, was reportedly pressured into leaving Cordova, Mactan. He now heads a parish in Texas.

For Church leaders to clam up will be disastrous. Silence will cement the perception that its top officials are protecting the culprits and covering their tracks.

"We have no choice but to face it as past bishops and priests handled similar crises in the Church . . . ," Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal said. "We hope and pray that the Church comes out of this stronger."

"The cleansing of the Church is happening," he said.

How the Catholic Church could be cleansed by simply giving erring priests new assignments and paying off their victims is beyond me. To some, new parishes could mean new victims.

For catharsis to take place, the culprits must show genuine contrition, and their superiors, determination to impose just sanctions. So far, we haven't even heard a public apology, much less willingness to go to jail for the criminal offense committed. No strong, uncompromising stand against sexual abuses by members of the clergy.

A priest hit the nail right when he told reporters: "The Church has been demanding from the faithful a set of standards to be followed. It's high time that this same measure be demanded by the Church on itself."

Gloria goes crime-busting yet again

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At least P203 million worth of tax payments were diverted to three LBP Binangonan accounts. The persons who opened the accounts used fictitious names and addresses. San Juan was charged with 17 counts of violating the anti-money laundering law.

San Juan claimed that he did not know about the irregular transactions. The NBI thus invited Ramirez for questioning but the bank cashier found herself being presented to the media instead.

"The law requires that transactions of four million pesos and above should be reported (to the Anti-Money Laundering Council). The bank manager did not report it. Now, the cashier," Ms Macapagal said in Filipino. "The investigation continues so that this will not be repeated again," she added.

The President arrived at the NBI office at around 3 p.m. She shook hands with NBI employees before going to the third floor office of NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco.

Wycoco, who was not at the NBI headquarters, arrived in his office just as the President stepped inside. Wycoco had to sneak in through a throng of onlookers.

He was scheduled to fly to Davao at 4 p.m. but had to go back to his office for the President's unscheduled press conference.

Counterfeiters, kidnappers

After presenting Ramirez to the media, Ms Macapagal presented three alleged members of a syndicate who were caught with "quadrillions" of dollars worth of fake US dollars and Treasury and bank notes. ***(See story on Page A25)***

Journalists exchanged amused looks because NBI officials had already presented the three suspects during a press conference earlier yesterday.

The President then read before television cameras a press release detailing the suspects' arrest. That news release was given to reporters hours before.

In Malacañang yesterday morning, Ms Macapagal confronted four suspects in the kidnapping of a 15-year-old girl last July 23. The victim, Kathleen Pacquing, was released a week later after her family paid an undisclosed amount to the kidnappers.

Ms Macapagal surprised everyone when, after giving her usual anti-crime statement, she approached the suspects and asked who among them was the driver of the Pacquing family.

Nelson Pilar, 39, the driver, had allegedly arranged the abduction of Kathleen.

"Why did you do it?" Ms Macapagal asked Pilar, who mumbled a long reply.

Frowning, Ms Macapagal cut him off and asked, "How did you contact the kidnappers?"

Pilar again mumbled a reply.

"Well, you'll go through the (judicial) process anyway," the President said and then turned her back on him.

Ms Macapagal then awarded the biggest cash reward so far to an informer who led the police to a shabu laboratory in Varsity Hills, Quezon City on July 19. She handed over a large brown envelope containing P853,144.99 to the informer, whose head was covered with a black cloth.

Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane said the reward was based on the volume of illegal drugs confiscated: 44.39 kilos of shabu and 50.67 kilos of ephedrine.

The President had visited that shabu laboratory just hours after it was raided by the police.

The next day, on July 20, she went to Marilao, Bulacan, where police had killed suspected members of a kidnap-for-ransom group. The day after that, she presented in Malacañang three remaining members of the gang.

On July 26, Ms Macapagal led local officials in burning P60 million worth of marijuana in General Santos City. Later that day, she went to Camp Crame in Quezon City to join officials in destroying pirated videocassette discs.

The other day, the President visited two Pasay City judges who sent three kidnappers to death row and convicted a suspected Indonesian terrorist. ***With a report from Dona Pazzibugan and PDI Research***

EDWIN BACASMAS

BIGGEST cash reward of P853,145 goes to the informer (hooded) who led police to a shabu lab in Varsity Hills, Quezon City.

Nursing moms eye mother of world records

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(Unicef) on Thursday.

"It is going to be a happening," says Sirbu, director of Berkeley's special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children.

The city is sponsoring the event and the mayor plans to help verify the count. The number to beat is 767, set Thursday by a group of women in Australia.

Mothers from Down Under, where mass nurse-ins have been held annually since 1999, welcomed the challenge.

'A bit of fun'

"It's a bit of fun isn't it?" said Lee King, one of the directors of the Australian Breastfeeding Association. "It's really something different and something interesting but it actually is really good for the baby and it's a good way of promoting breast-feeding."

The Unicef on Thursday kicked off its annual World Breastfeeding Week, extolling the health benefits breastfeeding provides for both mothers and babies.

"Breastfeeding is still the best source of nutrition and growth for infants," said Carol Bellamy, Unicef's executive director.

"This simple act protects children's lives in communities around the world, and it also reduces maternal illnesses," she added.

According to a study by Unicef, less than half of the world's children are exclusively breastfed during the first six months of their lives.

Counting babies

In the Berkeley nurse-in, volunteers from the Bay Area Lactation Association will count the babies in action and two independent observers will verify the record, which will be submitted to Guinness World Records.

Three decades ago, when Sirbu nursed her own children, breast-feeding was unfashionable to the point of oddity. She remembers trying to nurse in a fancy restaurant and being summarily ordered to the restroom.

These days, with study after study citing the benefits of breast milk, nursing is much more popular. An estimated 68 percent of new mothers are nursing as they leave the hospital, said Kim Cavaliero, spokesperson for La Leche League International, which promotes breast-feeding.

Problems often develop, however, when the women go home. Their mothers may not have breast-fed, so can't pass on helpful techniques. And women may face dirty looks or worse when they nurse in public—hard to avoid since babies are rather inflexible about mealtimes.

As recently as this June, a Southern California woman said a security guard at a Santa Monica mall told her to cover up because she was showing too much cleavage as she nursed her baby. About 70 mothers protested her treatment with a nurse-in at the mall.

In California, a woman has the right to breast-feed anywhere where she and the child are legally allowed to be. The only exception is if they're in a private home whose owner objects. ***AP and AFP***

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Colin's 'enchanted evening' with Asean foreign ministers

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei—Colin Powell has a hard time letting go of work, even when he's forced to play—and sing.

Since taking office last year, the ever-dignified US secretary of state has learned that karaoke is a great leveler in the Asia-Pacific, where he has to perform a skit-and-song before other foreign ministers at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' largest security meeting.

It's a meeting-ending tradition for each of the ministers to perform a skit behind doors closed to a press that always tries to sneak in. A song is required, and members of the delegation staff provide needed backup.

In 2001, bowing to the needs of protocol, a reluctant Powell was coaxed on stage in Hanoi by Japan's vivacious Mamiko Tanaka—since fired for not fitting in at her country's dark-suited foreign ministry—in a rendition of "El Paso."

Powell and Tanaka showed chemistry—and were captured in a show-stopping pose by a Vietnamese TV tape never meant for international television consumption. It was shown around the world, anyway.

Everyone knew Powell was uncomfortable. This year, he riffed on those memories.

The skit opened with Powell chairing a meeting, looking completely at home as he took advice from staffers. "Don't do it," pleaded one. "No rolling on the floor this time," admonished another.

Then, US President George W. Bush appeared on a huge backdrop video screen with advice for his chief diplomat: "Practice this time."

Powell and staff then rose and labored with gusto through the old "South Pacific" standard "Some Enchanted Evening"—with lyrics modified to reflect the arcana of Southeast Asian foreign relations.

"Once you reach consensus, never let it go," Powell sang in a serviceable baritone. "Once you reach consensus, never let it G-O-O-O."

Loud applause followed. The diplomatic audience agreed—diplomatically, and on background for no attribution—that Powell was "really good."

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov also held his own, making a trip five centuries into the future and returning as a robot. Then he sang "We Are the World."

Finally, all the ministers lined up to massacre an Abba tune, "I Have a Dream."

"We will be together. It's not a fairy tale," they sang. "We will see the future. We will never fail."

Early reviews were positive.

"Great fun," declared Philippine Ambassador to Japan Domingo Siazon, who stood in for newly appointed Foreign Secretary Blas Ople.

"The Americans were hilarious, the Russians innovative. Powell's singing was good," said Syed Hamid Albar, Malaysia's foreign minister. "It was a good break after all this talk on terrorism."

But the most uninhibited of ministers was Australia's Alexander Downer, who rocked in a '60s style guru robe backed by acolytes dressed like the Manson Family.

His number: a thumping rendition of Norman Greenbaum's counterculture hit, "Spirit in the Sky."

Downer twisted. He thrashed a guitar. And he rasped: "Get together and talk security/Going to the meeting in Brunei."

But what does a minister do when he really, really can't sing?

Indonesia's Hassan Wirajuda put on his wife, who belted, lounge-style, a perfect rendition of Asia's favorite karaoke number.

He stood beside her and croaked just two words at the very end: "My Way." *AP*

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ONWARD to the US Embassy led by party-list Representatives Satur Ocampo and Crispin Beltran (center) ERIK ARAZAS

MLSA not on agenda in GMA-Powell talk

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portunity. No statements were made because of the scheduled joint press conference in Malacañang," said the media officer.

Ms Macapagal is to have a 15-minute one-on-one with Powell before Foreign Secretary Blas Ople and four other officials join them.

At 10:30 a.m., or right after the meeting, Ople and Powell will hold a 20-minute joint press conference.

Ople said yesterday that for Powell, the MLSA was "not a matter of great priority."

"And as far as the Philippine government is concerned, we have set no deadline for the approval of this document," he said. "How long it will take, I don't know. This is not tied to the visit of Powell (or) to any deadline."

Talking points

Bunye listed the following as the President's talking points:

- The invitation to US President George W. Bush to visit the Philippines.
- The lifting of the negative US travel advisory.
- A greater Philippine share in the frozen tuna market in the United States.
- More humane treatment for Filipinos deported from the United States for lack of documents.
- Equal benefits for Filipino and US war veterans.

Powell's visit has heightened the protests against the proposed MLSA, which critics said would give the United States basing rights in the Philippines and unlimited access to its air and sea ports.

His arrival came two days after the formal end of the six-month Balikatan 02-1 that saw 1,200 US troops training Filipino soldiers in going after the Abu Sayyaf, which the US considers a terrorist group.

Powell is concluding his eight-nation Asian tour aimed at strengthening the US-led global coalition against terrorism.

Asked what he and Powell would talk about, Ople said: "We will review the existing commitment of the US for helping the security and prosperity of the Philippines, including military assistance and economic development, especially in Mindanao.

"Secretary Powell will be here primarily to thank the Philippines and the President for the joint efforts versus international terrorism and the success of the Balikatan exercises."

Interviewed in Malacañang yesterday, Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., chief of the Philippine National Police, said security arrangements were "in place."

He refused to divulge the number of policemen detailed around the Palace. "But it is enough," he said.

Asked how they would treat protesters, Ebdane said: "We'll see how things turn out. We have to react accordingly based on the provisions of the law."

Bunye said Powell would arrive in Malacañang by helicopter. "(Protesters can't come near) unless they find their own helicopter," he told reporters in jest.

US deployment

In Brunei, Powell said Thursday that a new anti-terrorism treaty aimed at substantially upgrading security in Southeast Asia was unlikely to result in the deployment of US ground troops.

"We are not looking for bases or places to send US troops," Powell said after signing the accord in the sultanate's capital of Bandar Seri Begawan.

The treaty with the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is one of the most extensive security arrangements reached between the United States and its allies in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The prospect that an anti-terrorist pact might lead to the deployment of US soldiers has alarmed Indonesia and Vietnam. The United States insisted that any such deployments would only be conducted on a country-by-country basis.

Analysts also have warned that the possible presence of US forces in predominantly Muslim nations such as Malaysia or Indonesia could be counterproductive and could inflame religious extremism. Traditional nationalists could also be angered.

Powell appeared to take note of such concerns, indicating that national security forces should be responsible for handling the threat.

"I don't anticipate that this declaration will be the basis for the stationing of new US troops," he said before leaving Brunei for Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation.

Although Balikatan 02-1 formally ended this week in the Philippines, another joint military exercise is expected to start in October.

Sharing info

Under the new agreement, the 10 Asean nations and Washington will share information, boost police cooperation and plug holes that extremists can exploit.

It will also raise US technical and logistical aid to "prevent, disrupt and combat" international terrorism.

Powell told a news conference that the accord—which pointedly recognizes Asean's credo of sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-intervention in each other's domestic affairs—would build a "more intimate relationship" with the Southeast Asian countries.

Powell told Thai television earlier that "in the case of the Philippines, it's a situation where we have returned only in the sense that we are there on a temporary basis to help the Philippine army become more proficient, to help them with their training."

"But there is no effort on our part to reinsert ourselves on any permanent basis in the Philippines," he added.

"This is not a case of Big Brother United States imposing on Asean," Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said. "This is something that both Asean and the United States want."

Powell said he was bringing the message to each country he visited that the campaign against terrorism should not be a cover to repress legitimate dissent, a charge leveled by human rights critics in Malaysia and Indonesia.

"If we're going to defeat the terrorists, then we have to attack them from the highest moral plane," he said. "Human rights have to be protected."

Leadership role

In an interview with the Far East Economic Review, Powell said: "We need to link our law enforcement efforts and our intelligence efforts and our response efforts, and I think the United States has the leadership role to play.

"We saw it most vividly in the Philippines when we provided military support to (its) armed forces."

In the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Gov. Parouk Hussin said Powell's visit would strengthen the global campaign against terrorism.

Hussin also said in a statement that the people of Basilan were "sad" over the departure of US soldiers who took part in the Balikatan and feared the resurgence of the Abu Sayyaf if the benefits of the military exercise were not sustained. ***With reports from Norman Bordadora, Christine Herrera, AP and AFP***

Anti-US. . .

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at this simply as a civil disturbance concern that could easily be handled by the (Philippine National Police). The PNP has already received (its) marching orders. The 'no permit, no rally' policy will be followed."

He also said the recording of the protesters' actions would be the basis for their arrest and the cases that would be filed against them.

"We will allow them to express their sentiments peacefully at the designated areas and at the proper time," he stressed.

In waves

Members of the PeaceCamp alliance at 10:30 a.m.

Akbayan and Kilusan Para sa Pambansang Demokrasya members occupied the right side of Plaza Ferguson while waiting for Sanlakas members and "running priest" Fr. Robert Reyes, who were coming from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pasay City.

The first skirmish occurred when some PeaceCamp members tried to cross Roxas Boulevard but were pushed back.

The next tussle happened at around 12:45 p.m. Some 50 members of the militant youth group Anakbayan were blocked at the corner of Roxas and UN Avenue.

Under a steady drizzle, as bewildered lawmen looked on, the Anakbayan members suddenly withdrew, turned right into a side street, and right again into the left side of Plaza Ferguson.

They quickly crossed the heavy traffic on Roxas and tried to get near the embassy gate. But before they could set foot on the other side of the thoroughfare, anti-riot policemen pushed them back with shields.

As this was going on, alarmed motorists repeatedly blew their horns. The protesters were eventually pushed back across Roxas and later dispersed.

PeaceCamp also dispersed at around 2 p.m., before members of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and the party-list group Bayan Muna arrived.

Bayan Muna Representatives Satur Ocampo and Crispin Beltran led about 1,000 protesters and their lawyers and held a program in front of the embassy.

No one was arrested up to the time the protesters left after 4 p.m.

"(President Macapagal-Arroyo) is fast becoming a combination of her father (the late President Diosdado Macapagal) and (the late strongman Ferdinand) Marcos. Her father was pro-American, while Marcos imposed martial law," Reyes said.

"Powell should bring her along on a 21-month foreign vacation—up to May 2004," he added.

Reyes, one of the leaders of the uprising that propelled Ms Macapagal to power, said that she had become too pro-American and that there were now "more than 21 reasons why she is not good for the country."

Democracy

US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone belittled the number of the protesters, and said "perhaps (the media) should train their cameras a little more broader."

"I think democracy is a wonderful thing," the envoy said after making a courtesy call on Foreign Secretary Blas Ople at the Department of foreign Affairs. "And it is wonderful that everyone in the country gets to express their own points of view and we have an outpouring of warmth and welcoming hospitality for the visit of the US secretary of state."

Ople said the protest actions were "concocted" mainly by the radical Left to discredit the RP-US security alliance.

"(The protesters) are merely looking for a pretext to destabilize the government," he said.

Ople also said he and Ricciardone believed that "there is a new momentum in the RP-US relations that should be fully supported concerning the (Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement)."

In Baguio City, some 75 students and members of militant groups braved the continuous monsoon rains to stage a noise barrage at the People's Park to protest the MLSA and Powell's arrival. Leaders of the protest action confiscated the film used by a man they suspected to be a government agent after he was caught documenting the rally.

Wilfredo Dizon, chair of Anakbayan in Baguio-Benguet, said the man immediately passed on his camera to another man when the protesters accosted him.

Voltaire Tupaz, secretary general of the militant Tontongan Ti Umili, said the US government was using the MLSA to gain free access to Philippine resources. ***With reports from Martin Marfil, Christine Herrera and TJ Burgonio in Manila; Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Boni Gillego, freedom fighter, dies; 81

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Gillego, Boni to his friends, succumbed to cardiac arrest and intracerebral bleeding at 2:20 p.m. last Tuesday at the National Kidney Institute. He was 81.

Suzette Evangelista, one of his seven children, said her father had been undergoing dialysis for renal disease for the past three years and had also suffered from hypertension for a long time.

His remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine in New Manila, Quezon City. The funeral has been set for Aug. 6 at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina, after the 8 a.m. mass.

Gillego's entire family—wife Dolores, seven children, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild—are all here to mourn him.

Five of Gillego's children are based in the United States.

A daughter-in-law, Matilde Gillego, said the whole family had assembled even before Gillego was brought to the NKI last Saturday.

"She's quite strong," Matilde said of her mother-in-law.

Gillego served in the 8th, 9th and 10th Congress as the representative for Sorsogon.

A freedom fighter, he chaired the House committees on human rights and agrarian reform and was instrumental in the passage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Act.

He was also a member of the committees on defense, agriculture, social-economic affairs and public order.

Gillego finished philosophy at the Far Eastern University and was an Armed Forces scholar at the School of Advanced International Studies at the Johns Hopkins University in the United States.

He began his government career as an elementary schoolteacher and was a guerrilla officer during World War II. He served in the Armed Forces as a platoon leader in Korea and as military attaché in Burma, and had the rank of major by the time he retired.

In 1971, he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Martial law years

Gillego spent the martial law years in exile in the United States. He served as deputy secretary general of the Movement for a Free Philippines in Washington after the ouster of Marcos.

In 1986, he was executive director of the Presidential Commission on Good Government in New York and served as Philippine consul in Hawaii.

On his return to the Philippines after the 1986 Edsa Revolution, Gillego was drafted to serve as OIC governor of Sorsogon. When Congress was reconvened in 1987, he served as representative and was reelected for another two terms.

But of Gillego's many distinctions, he is best remembered for his courageous exposé of the fake war medals of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

He authored "The Fake Medals of Marcos," "The Spy Network of Marcos in the USA," "Grammar of US Assistance to the Marcos Dictatorship" and "Requiem for Reformism."

Sen. Joker Arroyo, another pillar of the anti-Marcos movement, recalled how furious Marcos was when Gillego's series on the fake medals was published in the "We Forum" newspaper.

"Marcos closed the We Forum and jailed (its publisher) Joe Burgos and several others," Arroyo said.

Soulmate

Arroyo, who describes Gillego as "practically my soulmate," related how the then military intelligence officer went all the way to St. Louis, Missouri, to exhaustively research and check Marcos' claim that he had been awarded some of the highest military decorations of the United States.

Arroyo said Gillego's and his causes and advocacies were identical. Since he did not maintain any staff in his House office and their offices were adjacent to each other, Arroyo said he allowed Gillego to use his room.

"Whenever I would go to my office, I would find his constituents there," Arroyo said.

Arroyo said Gillego had a solid voting record in human rights and social justice during his three terms at the House.

"He was a very nationalistic man who stood against any bill that would transgress Philippine sovereignty. He was against GATT and the death penalty, and was a very strong defender of human rights," Arroyo said.

Yet Gillego had no enemies, Arroyo said.

"He was respected, he had no enemy, he was very gentlemanly. Even when he was angry, he never raised his voice," Arroyo recalled.

Best of all, Gillego remained clean, the Makati congressman said.

Media favorite

"His lifestyle was very simple. He did not make money (from corrupt means)," Arroyo said.

He said Gillego survived his years as an anti-Marcos exile in the United States by working as a security guard.

"No words can capture my grief," said former Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, whom Gillego once regarded as a son.

"We crusaded together for many battles—genuine agrarian reform, less budget for the military and more for agriculture, the abolition of the Cafgus and meaningful social reforms," Lagman said.

Gillego was also a media favorite. Journalists referred to him with fondness as their Lolo Boni. Even after he left Congress, the Christmas dinners that he would give at his Katipunan Ave. house were always well-attended by media friends.

Gillego was also a model family man. He loved to regale journalists with stories about his grandchildren.

His seven children are all professionals, three of them medical doctors.

A letter to President GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO on the PICOP issue

25 July 2002

Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
President of the Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang Palace, San Miguel, Manila

Subject : Clarification regarding the letter of PICOP President
Teodoro G. Bernardino dated 22 July, 2002

Madame President:

Allow me, Madame President, to respond to the published letter to you from Mr. Teodoro G. Bernardino, President, PICOP Resources, Inc. (PRI) dated 22 July 2002 as published yesterday in the Philippine Star.

Mr. Bernardino gave a one-sided view of events concealing material facts many of which are known to Her Excellency and painting a picture that does not square with the truth.

First of all, contrary to Mr. Bernardino's vicious claim in an in-your-face attempt at provoking your pique, I never defied Her Excellency's *verbal* instruction last October 11,2001 to convert PICOP's Timber License Agreement No. 43 into an Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA). I recall as well your words that I should treat PICOP fairly and justly according to law and the Constitution that mandates co-production regimes.

Six days after our meeting at Malacañang, we immediately set into motion the conversion process as I stated in my Memorandum to you dated 17 October, 2001 informing Her Excellency that:

> *"...the Department is now processing the conversion of PICOP's Timber License Agreement No. 43 to Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) to support the country's paper industry and to forestall the laying off of about 8,000 employees of the company. We intend to complete the process before the end of this month."*

Six days after, on 23 October 2001 I created a Team to speed up the conversion with the full participation and cooperation of PICOP. Two days after that and 18 days to the day after your instruction, on 25 October, I have cleared the conversion of PRI's TLA 43 into IFMA and Mr. Bernardino was duly alerted to this fact.

> *"We wish to inform you that, pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No.99-53, we have cleared the conversion of PICOP's Timber License Agreement (TLA) No. 43 to Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) effective of said TLA on April 26, 2002.*

Mr. Bernardino was quick to claim for himself the privileges bestowed on him by DENR Administrative Order No. 99-53 invoking these as absolute right willfully ignoring reciprocal obligations in Section 9 of the same stating that:

> *"...In the case of application for conversion for TLA into IFMA, an automatic conversion* ***after proper evaluation*** *shall be allowed, provided the TLA holder shall have signified such intention prior to the expiry of the TLA. PROVIDED further, that the TLA holder has showed satisfactory performance and* ***have complied in the terms of condition of the TLA and pertinent rules and regulations****."*

In the same letter of 25 October 2001 I requested Mr. Bernardino to name PICOP's representative(s) to work out with our DENR Team created under Special Order No. 2001-638 the terms, conditions and details of the said IFMA including production sharing arrangements between PICOP and the government.

Regrettably, Madame President, PICOP did not respond in effect refusing to participate with the DENR in this process, insisting that conversion of TLA 43 into IFMA is automatic, absolute and regardless of whatever the law requires. PRI refused to dignify our request and did not designate its representative(s). Five months after, all of a sudden on March 21, 2002 PRI decide to send its representatives.

On a number of times, Cong. Prospero Pichay came to see me acting on behalf of Mr. Bernardino urging me and DENR to issue an unconditional automatic conversion in complete disregard of the law. Mr. Pichay was also pushing for a presidential warranty. What Mr. Pichay lobbied in private, he sought to achieve through pressure tactics at the Commission on Appointments at my confirmation hearings and through media.

What were we being asked to disregard? Among others, PICOP owes government P37.36 million in forest charges/surcharges for logs produced from January to December 2001. For the period 8 May 2001 to 7 July 2001 alone, PICOP had an accummulated forest charges/surcharges of P17.77 million.

Based on an October 1998 report of an Intelligence Officer of the EIIB, Department of Finance (DOF), PICOP had systematically violated forest laws and the provisions of its own Integrated Annual Operations Plans (IAOPs) for 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Accordingly, PICOP misdeclared timber species and downgraded regular logs and exceeded its authorized production volume. This reportedly resulted to government revenue losses of at least P244.10 million that has now grown to P470.76 million or more.

I, therefore, respectfully request that Her Excellency call upon the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) to conduct a full-blown investigation of this case.

Mr. Bernardino's insistence on automatic conversion meant government's outright condonation of the above illegal acts in violation of Presidential Decree 705, the Philippine Forestry Code. Mr. Bernardino slyly twists the President's order so that PICOP can ignore environment guidelines and rules, and evade payments of its tax obligations and its debts.

For almost a half year PICOP was dragging its foot on the above issues, refusing to square up its obligation with government. On 3 June 2002 the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in a letter by Dir. Justina F. Callagan, Corporation Finance Department, alerted us to the fact that PICOP's 50-year corporate term had expired and remained unrenewed as of June 3, 2002. As of this writing, its corporate existence remains in limbo; to be more precise, it is legally non-existent.

Madame President, PICOP itself has not informed us of this fact. Mr. Bernardino, in bad faith, concealed this crucial fact although it leaked through the corporate world. It is a crucial fact as we would have all been acting beyond the pale of the law had we granted an IFMA to a non-existent firm. Mr. Bernardino in effect is forcing the DENR, and its chief officer, to be above the law!

The SEC has warned PICOP in a letter dated 16 July 2002 signed by Commissioner Jesus E.G. Martinez that it must pay the filing fee of P6 million for the extension of the corporate existence of PICOP.

It is clear, Madame President, that Mr. Bernardino cannot now insist on his rights without first fulfilling what the law requires. That PICOP's legal life has ended and remains so is not of our making. He cannot shift the blame on us for his failure to renew his firm's corporate demise. He cannot now insist government fulfills its part in disregard of the law that prevents us from entering into contract with a non-existent entity. He must renew first PICOP's life, he must settle PICOP's financial obligations with government, then and only then should he demand from us a franchise.

As for his insistence on a Presidential Warranty, again Mr. Bernardino invokes a privilege the late Pres. Ferdinand Marcos had granted PICOP which now runs against the fundamental law of the land, the 1987 Constitution. He insists Mr. Marcos's grant of "renewable for other 25 years" is meant for perpetuity. Assuming the ungrammatical construction favors Mr. Bernardino's interpretation, it is foolhardy for us to allow a situation where Mr. Marcos' words become more supreme than our Constitution. The Presidential Warranty Mr. Bernardino refers to is specific to Timber License Agreement (TLA) which has been banned by the 1987 Constitution. The Constitution prescribes co-production, joint venture, or production sharing agreements with the State. Therefore, even Her Excellency, I believe, cannot extend such Presidential Warranty.

On the other hand and consistent with your Proclamation No. 17 dated 12 March 2001, declaring the Shannalyne Technological Environment Park (STEP) and establishing the first Wood based ecozone in the country, the DENR issued the first Co-Production Agreement with the same Shannalyne Corporation, together with the governments of Finland and New Zealand, totaling 110,700 hectares, more or less, to support the wood requirements of the established wood-based ecozone.

This in fact is no different from providing PICOP the necessary area for its wood requirement totaling more than 180,000 hectares. We do not, therefore, understand why Mr. Bernardino maliciously compared this Co-Production Agreement with PICOP considering that Shannalyne, together with the Finland and New Zealand Governments, agreed to harvest only what they will plant. They have so willingly agreed not to cut the natural forests except the degraded areas to be converted to forest plantations.

In consideration, Madame President, to Mr. Bernardino's sentiments, we are therefore committing to Her Excellency to accord PICOP the same condition/provision in its IFMA.

Also, for Mr. Bernardino to claim therefore that we have royally treated Shannalyne is most unfair.

In fact, Madame President, the Finland/New Zealand/Shannalyne CARAGA Forest Plantation Project has already transcended three Administrations and four DENR Secretaries. But until now, it has not been implemented on the ground because of baseless and biased positions, like that of Mr. Bernardino's. It is only under your Administration, Madame President, that this project has significantly moved forward, as shown in your approval of Presidential Proclamation No. 17 within your first three months in office.

MADAME PRESIDENT, WE STAND COMMITTED TO EXECUTE YOUR ORDER FOR THE CONVERSION OF PICOP TO AN IFMA. WE HAVE EVEN APPROVED PICOP'S PROPOSED TRANSITION DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ONE YEAR TO ALLOW IT TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND SETTLE ITS OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF FOREST CHARGES/SURCHARGES. HOWEVER, MR. BERNARDINO IS BEING UNREASONABLE IN INSISTING THAT WE DO THIS IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF THE LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION.

I also must express profound disappointment with Mr. Bernardino who, in his desire to cover all the bases, has now resorted to blackmail by having an underling insinuate that I was trying to extort money from Mr. Bernardino during a meeting attended by Mr. Bernardino and myself, and no one else. Mr. Bernardino knows, and God is my witness, I did not ask whatever from him except "substantial compliance" with the law. Blackmail of this foulest sort will not achieve for Mr. Bernardino to get what he wants by circumventing the law and transgressing civilized behavior.

Finally, we wish to reiterate and reassure that we have never and we will never defy the instructions of Her Excellency.

We however stress that we carry out the instructions of the President always in the spirit of good governance despite considerable pressures exerted by prominent politicians and businessmen, like Congressman Pichay and Mr. Bernardino.

We have always believed that good governance is one of the major pillars of a strong republic, which your Administration, Madame President, is so vigorously trying to establish.

Very truly yours,

HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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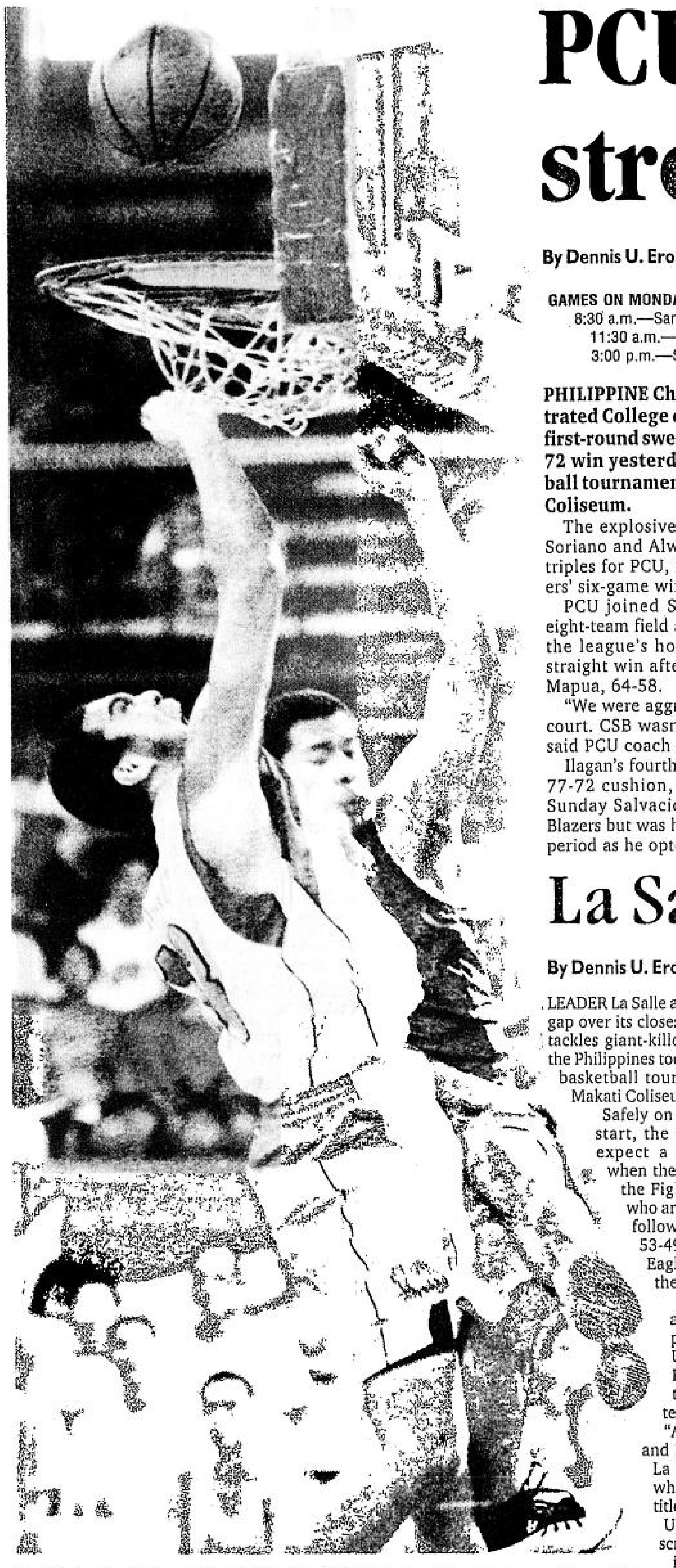


SAN Sebastian College's Dominic Nadela (right) tries to deflect the layup attempt of Mapua's Edsel Feliciano during their UAAP game yesterday. The Stags won, 65-52.

ERNIESARMIENTO

PCU stops Benilde's win streak; JRU trips Letran

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES ON MONDAY (Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
8:30 a.m.—San Beda vs Mapua (Jrs/Srs)
11:30 a.m.—JRU vs UPHR (Jrs/Srs)
3:00 p.m.—SSC vs Letran (Jrs/Srs)

PHILIPPINE Christian University frustrated College of St. Benilde's bid for a first-round sweep with a convincing 80-72 win yesterday in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The explosive backcourt duo of Loreto Soriano and Alwin Ilagan combined for 9 triples for PCU, finally snapping the Blazers' six-game winning streak.

PCU joined St. Benilde on top of the eight-team field and confirmed its status as the league's hottest team with its sixth straight win after losing its debut against Mapua, 64-58.

"We were aggressive on both ends of the court. CSB wasn't in its best form today," said PCU coach Jimmy Mariano.

Ilagan's fourth triple gave the Dolphins a 77-72 cushion, two minutes remaining. Sunday Salvacion fired 24 points for the Blazers but was hardly a factor in the fourth period as he opted to force his shots.

In other games, Jose Rizal University outlasted Letran in overtime, 100-96, while defending champion San Sebastian College posted its fourth win in six games by whipping Mapua, 65-52.

Rookie Edward Attanuga, Joel Finuliar, Wins Te and Marco Fajardo lifted the Bombers to victory against the Knights, whose main man Ronjay Enrile paid dearly for his antics which annoyed the energetic JRU crowd in the dying minutes of play.

Both Letran and JRU are now carrying 3-3 cards.

The 5-foot-11 Enrile waxed hot with 26 points, including two free throws which gave the Knights a slim 96-95 lead, 1:30 remaining. But the Knights allowed the Bombers to come back by hardly playing good defense in the ensuing plays.

Enrile earned jeers when he made a weak pass, which resulted in a three-point play by Fajardo. Letran's bid to salvage the game backfired when it committed two passing errors in the dying seconds. Enrile's brilliance was tainted when he continuously taunted his defenders and the JRU gallery. He was lucky to escape with a technical foul when he boldly rubbed his sweaty hands to the head of the referee while preparing to shoot free throws in the fourth quarter.

Letran's Gian Carlo Sillona followed up an Enrile miss as regulation ended, sending the game into overtime, 83-83.

STANDINGS	W	L
PCU	6	1
CSB	6	1
SSC	4	2
JRU	3	3
Letran	3	3
Mapua	2	4
UPHR	1	5
San Beda	0	6

SCORES:
(First Game)

PCU 80—Soriano 24, Ilagan 17, Gatdula 10, Roque 9, Franco 8, Sanz 4, Legayada 2, Senining 2, Gaspi 2, Guiyab 1, Gementiza 1.

CSB 72—Salvacion 24, Magpayo 11, Coching 9, Tolentino 6, Sagad 6,Capati 3, Reyes 3, Mendoza 3, Reyes U. 2, Perlas 2, Orbeta 2, Castro 1.

Quarters: 22-16, 44-37, 64-52, 80-72

(Second Game)

SSC 65—Najorda 12, Alfad 10, Falcasantos 10, Coronel 9, Vicente 7, Gonzales 5, Reguerra 5, Uy 3, Baluyot 2, Legarde 2, Moore 0.

MAPUA 52—Dula 11, Lagar 11, Cruz 9, Feliciano 8, Salud 5, Guevarra 4, Bangoy 3, David 1, Veranga 0, Gonzales 0.

Quarters: 20-16, 38-28, 55-39, 65-52

(Third Game)

JRU 100—Attunaga 23, Finuliar 22, Fajardo 20, Santos 19, Te 9, Paule 4, Perez 3, Villarin 0.

LETRAN 96—Enrile 26, Bautista 16, Aldave 15, Sta. Cruz 11, Rodriguez 10, Aban 6, Santos 4, Ebajay 3, Sillona 3, Reyes 2.

Quarters:15-15, 35-37, 52-59, 83-83 (reg), 100-96

La Salle guns for 5th straight victory

By Dennis U. Eroa

LEADER La Salle aims to widen its gap over its closest pursuers as it tackles giant-killer University of the Philippines today in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

Safely on top after a 4-0 start, the Green Archers expect a rough sailing when they go up against the Fighting Maroons, who are determined to follow their stunning 53-49 conquest of the Ateneo Blue Eagles with another shocker over the Archers.

The La Salle-UP clash is set at 2 p.m., followed by the 4 p.m. game between resurgent University of the East and Far Eastern University, which is trying to gain lost ground after losing thrice in four starts.

"All the teams want to beat us and UP is not an exception," said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren, who is eyeing his fifth straight title.

UP mentor Allan Gregorio described La Salle as a team playing with "great perseverance.

"From start to finish, La Salle's resolve cannot be questioned. Compared with last year's team, however, this year's squad is beatable. My players have practiced with discipline in preparation for this match," said Gregorio.

STANDINGS	W	L
La Salle	4	0
Ateneo	3	2
UST	3	2
UE	3	2
Adamson	2	2
UP	2	2
FEU	1	4
NU	0	4

GAMES TODAY
(Makati Coliseum)
2 p.m.—UP vs La Salle
4 p.m.—FEU vs UE

Ateneo, University of Santo Tomas and University of the East are bunched in second place with identical 3-2 cards. The Red Warriors are in high spirits after surprising the Blue Eagles, 76-73, on Thursday at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

After four games, the Green Archers are showing no chink in their armor. Unforgiving in defense and offense, La Salle makes it a point to force its foes pay dearly for every miscue.

Mike Cortez, Mark Cardona, Joseph Yeo, Willy Wilson, Mika Vainio and Jun Jun Cabatu can make things happen for the Green Archers, who also boast of rookie playmaker Tyrone Tang.

Big men Carlo Sharma, Adonis Sta. Maria, Manny Ramos and Michael Gavino will battle UP's Abby Santos, Jay-R Reyes, Rodel Celo and Josant Cervantes on and off the boards.

UP is no longer a one-dimensional offensive team featuring shooter Mike Bravo. Against Ateneo, Bravo scored just 10 but superb ball rotation led to a balanced UP scoring.

Pointguard Jonjon Tabique, a star out of multi-titled San Beda Red Cubs, is slowly fitting into the system instituted by coach Gregorio, while veteran Abby Nunag has rediscovered the fire in his offense.

WNCAA on today

GAMES TODAY (Philsports Arena)
10 a.m.—Opening Ceremonies
12 nn—St. Scholastica's vs Assumption (college)
3 p.m.—St. Scholastica's vs Assumption (HS)

By June Navarro

THE 33rd WNCAA basketball tournament starts today at the Philsports Arena.

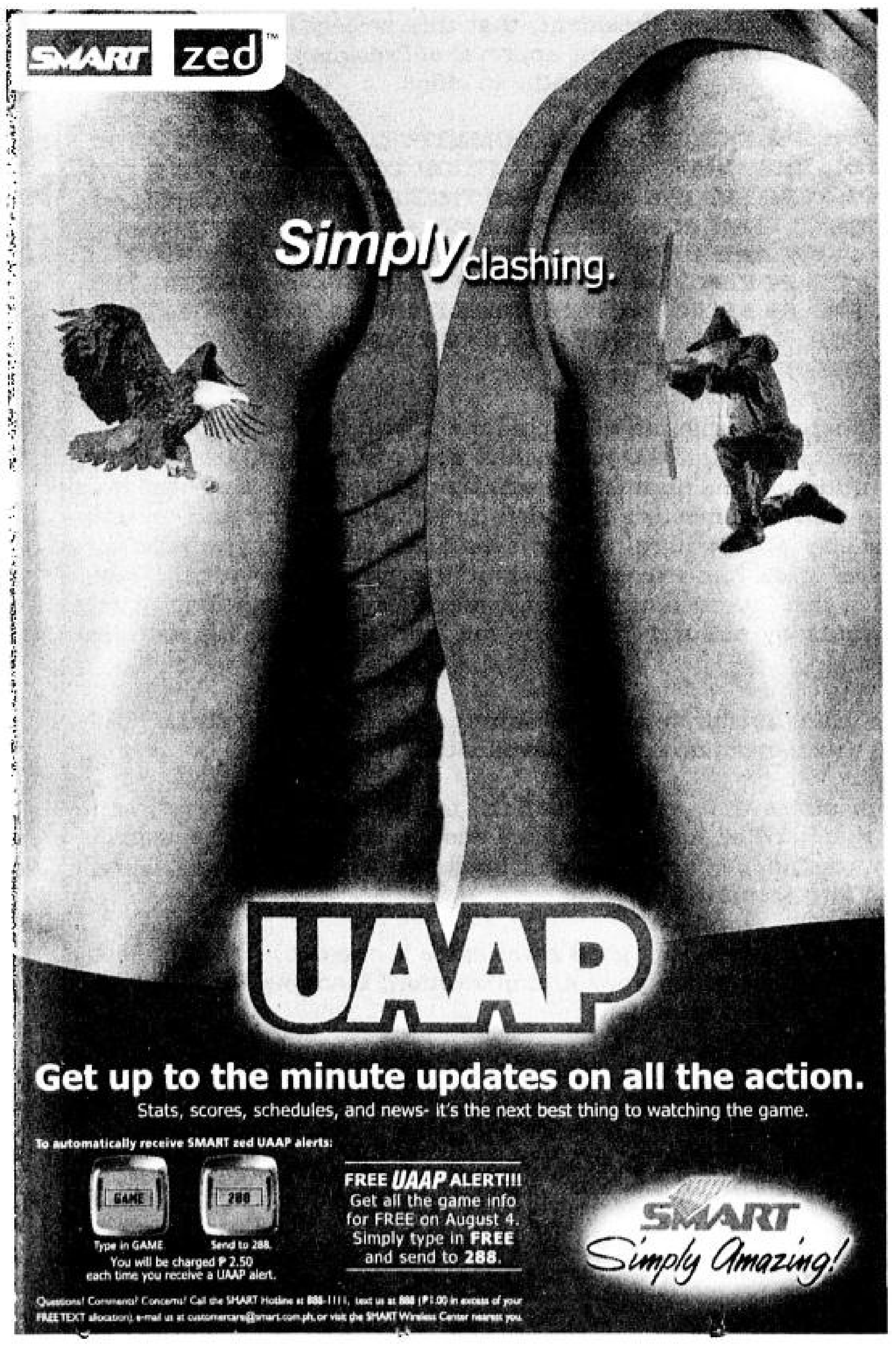
Host Assumption College of San Lorenzo-Makati leads the festivities beginning at 10 a.m. shortly before it clashes with St. Scholastica's College-Manila in the women's basketball competitions at noon.

The game signals the start of hostilities among 15 title-hungry schools and will be followed by the Assumption-St. Scholastica's girls' basketball encounter at 3 p.m.

WNCAA president Ma. Vivian Manila of St. Scholastica's will declare the games open after the presentation of the league's 2003 executive board and participating schools.

Aside from Assumption and St. Scholastica's, other schools vying for the overall title are women's basketball defending champion College of St. Benilde, runner-up Lyceum of the Philippines, Angelicum College, Chiang Kai Shek College, Colegio de San Lorenzo, De La Salle Zobel, Emilio Aguinaldo College;

Miriam College, Rizal Technological University, Sienna College, St. Benedict's College, St. Stephen High School and University of Assumption-Pampanga.



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Cebu hosts adidas Streetball

STREET basketball mania reaches its penultimate stage as the adidas Streetball Challenge 2002 goes to Cebu City on Aug. 3-4 for the event's final elimination.

The winners will represent the Visayas to the much-awaited adidas Streetball Challenge 2002 National Finals on Aug. 17-18, also in Cebu City.

The national champions will automatically wear the country's tri-colors to the adidas Asian Streetball Finals 2002 set on Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 in Shanghai, China.

The adidas Streetball Challenge 2002 is also sponsored by Growee and WGA Zip in cooperation with Gatorade, Absolute Pure distilled drinking water, Zed, TaylorMade Golf, Salomon, Magic 89.9 dwTM and 99.5 RT.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1990, Paulo Valdez tallied 3794 pins to snatch the all-events silver medal in the 1st FIQ World Youth tenpin bowling championships at the SM Center in North Edsa.

We have stopped believing

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THIS is not yet the time to know the true worth of the Selecta-Philippine Basketball Team that will see action in the Busan Asian Games. We still have about 60 days left before we see our cagers plunge to action in Asia's version of the Olympics.

However, if we base the team's performance in the ongoing PBA wars as the barometer to gauge the boys' competitiveness, it is almost certain that we are all agreed they are not ready to put up a tough performance in Busan—let alone garner a second- or third-place finish.

It is easy to give a rating. What is hard to achieve is the accuracy of our prediction.

The trouble with us really is that we keep on saying China appears unbeatable, that Jong Uichico's team would be lucky if it placed third. Despite the pleadings of team manager Elmer Yanga that "bilog ang bola (the ball is round)" and luck should never be discounted when we finally embark on our campaign in Busan, the attitude is that our team will still be doomed. In short, we have stopped believing. Seemingly, we have forgotten the first rule of war—that it has to be first won in the mind before victory is achieved in the arena of battle.

If you think you can't win a war, all is lost.

If you think you can't beat China, your cause is lost.

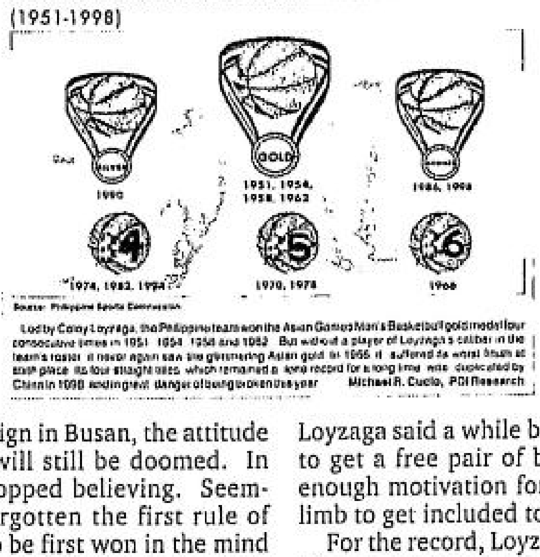
You can't hope to advance to the finals if you think China can't be beaten. The games along the way will only serve as major obstacles; even lowly Singapore will become like an excess baggage, if not a sure deadweight.

You want to know why our boys have not been playing that well in the PBA?

If you know your basketball, you won't even think of asking that question at all.

Thing is, the boys are still in the learning stage. Or, put in another way, they are still unlearning major things in basketball.

RP Men's Basketball Team finish in the Asian Games (1951-1998)



For one, the return to zone is not chicken feed. Any U-Turn isn't easy to negotiate, especially so if that has not been charted for years. For another, what's our players' motivation? I mean, what's really in store for them come the Asiad, after the Asiad?

I can never forget what Caloy Loyzaga said a while back: In our time, just to get a free pair of basketball shoes was enough motivation for us to risk body and limb to get included to the national team.

For the record, Loyzaga was in all four RP Teams that won the Asian Games gold medal in the 1951 Asian Games inaugural in New Delhi, 1954 Manila Asiad, 1958 Tokyo Asiad and 1962 Jakarta Asiad. With Loyzaga out when the country gunned for its fifth straight Asiad medal, we placed 6th in the 1966 Bangkok Asiad. That was our poorest finish ever. After 1962, we never won the Asiad gold again.

In Busan, are we going to improve on our third place finish in Bangkok in 1998?

If we believe the answer is yes, then yes it will be.

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ASIAN GAMES ASPIRANTS

Dayrit: Think what's best for RP sports

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit yesterday said the number of athletes bound for the Busan Asian Games is likely to exceed 200 but stressed that the POC will look for funds if the P30-million budget for the Asiad would fall short.

Dayrit said the POC should not be tied down by the number of athletes earlier projected, saying the body's primary concern is to "think what's best for Philippine sports."

He reiterated though that the Asiad roster would not include athletes who stand no chance of winning and possess no room for improvement.

He had earlier approved the inclusion of at least four athletes from table tennis, tennis, squash and badminton.

Dayrit said that though these athletes failed to qualify, they are ripe for international exposure because they are ranked No. 1 in the country, 22 years old or younger and show great potential to excel in the future.

Table tennis has nominated 21-year-old Ma. Crisanta Abad.

Task Force chief Tom Carrasco said tennis association head Buddy Andrada wants four netters included to Team Philippines.

Dayrit had earlier approved the inclusion of the 22-man baseball team, considered as the best in Southeast Asia.

Ten more from track and field, four from judo, two each from wrestling and shooting are aspiring to make the cut before the Aug. 15 deadline.

AP

KOURNIKOVA ON A ROLL
Anna Kournikova lunges for a backhand during her match against Conchita Martinez of Spain in the Acura Classic Thursday in Carlsbad, California. Kournikova won, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals along with top seed Venus Williams and No. 2 Jennifer Capriati. Kournikova's next opponent is Anna Smashnova.

Meneses powers Express to victory

By June Navarro

GAMES TODAY (Cuneta Astrodome)
3:45 p.m.—Red Bull vs Purefoods
5:45 p.m.—Talk N Text vs San Miguel

VERGEL Meneses gave Federal Express its money's worth, throwing all of his efforts at crunchtime as the Express subdued the towering Sta. Lucia Realtors, 92-90, to move a win away last night from barging into the quarterfinals of the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at Philsports Arena.

Taken in as take-charge guy for the Express, Meneses lived up to his billing as the 1995 MVP delivered the decisive baskets and the crucial stops down the stretch to shove FedEx to its fourth win in eight outings.

Alaska slipped past Coca-Cola, 73-72, to join Batang Red Bull, Sta. Lucia Realty, San Miguel Beer and the Tigers in the quarterfinals.

The Aces tied the Beermen and the Realtors at 5-3 while the Tigers fell to 5-4.

FEDEX 92—Pierre-Louis 31, Walker 26, Meneses 13, De Ocampo 9, Ritualo 5, Pumaren 5, Codinera 3, Arboleda 0.

STA. LUCIA 90—Clay 27, Howard 23, Aquino 23, Mendoza 7, Francisco 6, Adriano 4, Victolero 0, Ortiguerra 0, Del Rosario 0, Rodriguez 0, Ejercito 0, Tan 0.

Quarters: 22-17, 44-38, 63-61, 92-90.

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WORLD SERIES
Members of the RP Team bound for the World Series pose before leaving for Bangor, Maine. The team, supported by Smart Communications Inc., beat Guam to qualify for the meet set Aug. 11-17. Ramon Isberto (fifth from left, standing) of Smart joins the team members: Ace Baquiran, Glen Denton, Nikko Dizer, Miguel Corcuera, Alex Tolome, Vicente Roxas, Rogie Arellano, Gerry Fernandez, Atom Kobayashi, Randi Dizer, Carlo Olivares, Andrew Arellano, Jessie Viray, Joannard Pareja, John Eric Vijandre, Christian Galedo, Douglas Fawcett, and Aldo Pamplona.

KARTING SPONSOR
Pilipinas Shell will be the major sponsor of the Asia Open Zone Karting Championships at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite ,this weekend. Shown signing the contract are (from left) Shell vice president (commercial) Romeo de Guzman, Carmona Circuit Phils. manager Lot Tan and Shell marketing manager (motorist) Edwin Laset.

Gov. Piñol signs up Sydney Olympian Danilo Lerio

By Rey Danseco
Contributor

DAVAO CITY—Olympian Danilo Lerio yesterday announced that he has turned professional and will be under the guidance of North Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol.

The 21-year old, 5-foot-4 Lerio signed a five-year contract with Piñol as his manager. The Sydney Olympian received P100,000 as a signing bonus.

Lerio will be campaigning in the junior flyweight division and is eyeing a debut fight anytime this month in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato.

Married to a fellow Antipas, North Cotabato-native Aynne Joy Cadungon, Lerio is known as a quick-punching southpaw with a clever footwork.

Lerio lost in the quarterfinals in Sydney to then 30-year-old three-time Olympian Rafael Lozano of Spain via a 17-15 decision.

Lerio has brought home other medals from competitions abroad, including gold medals in the 1998 Asian Youth Championship and the 31st Czech Grand Prix International Boxing tournament in March 2000. He also won silver medals in the 2000 Asian Olympic qualifying and in the Bolado Cup in Cuba.

"My dream is to become a world champion as quick as possible," said Lerio.

SPORTSWATCH

Las Piñas 5-stag derby set Aug. 26

WHO among the gamefowl breeders will successfully produce the winning lines this year? This will be partly answered on Aug. 26 and 28, when the country's leading breeders parade and test their new battlers in Las Piñas Cockpit's "Annual 5-Stag Derby," traditionally the first stag derby of the stagfighting season. Proceeds of the event will go to the Clean and Green project of Las Piñas City Mayor Nene Aguilar.

'One million jobs' golf over RPN 9

GOLF Power today at 2 p.m. over RPN 9 features the highlights of Pres. GMA/PBSP Cup held last week at the Manila Golf Club. The event was attended by no less than President Arroyo and was participated in by the country's top businessmen. The golf tournament was held to raise funds for the project to create one million jobs.

NGAP sets elims for senior golfers

THE SEARCH is on for the three best Filipino senior golfers to represent the country in the 12th Asia Pacific Senior Amateur Golf Championship slated Nov. 13-15 in Mt. Maunganui, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. The National Golf Association of the Philippines has set a two-day qualifying round at The Riviera's Langer on Aug. 8-9.

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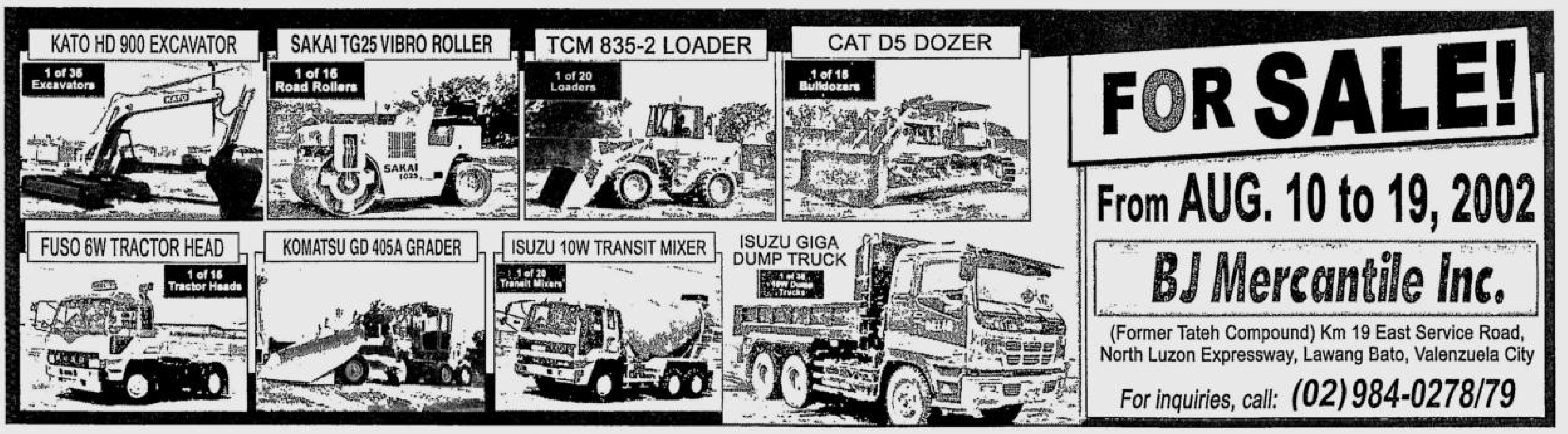
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Suspects in St. Luke doctor's slay set free

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE TWO senior students of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna who had been detained for the killing of a doctor in May have been released after a Calamba prosecutor downgraded their case from a heinous crime to a bailable offense.

Mark Alba and Rolando Rivera, whom an eyewitness earlier identified as the ones who killed St. Luke's Medical Center cardiologist Franklin Avellaneda, last week posted bail and are now free, the INQUIRER learned.

In a resolution issued on July 22, Calamba assistant provincial prosecutor Rodel Paderayon overturned the recommendation by the National Bureau of Investigation and junked the charges of robbery with homicide and frustrated homicide against Alba, Rivera, Kissinger Kraft and Manuel Zamora.

Paderayon even absolved Rivera, saying there was "no sufficient evidence" to charge him with the crime. He ordered

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Jancom files motion for execution

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE GARBAGE firm Jancom Environmental Corp. has filed a motion asking the Metro Manila Development Authority to enforce its $350-million waste disposal contract and to stop entering into similar agreements.

Jancom lawyer Manuel Molina said MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando had not been fair to the com-

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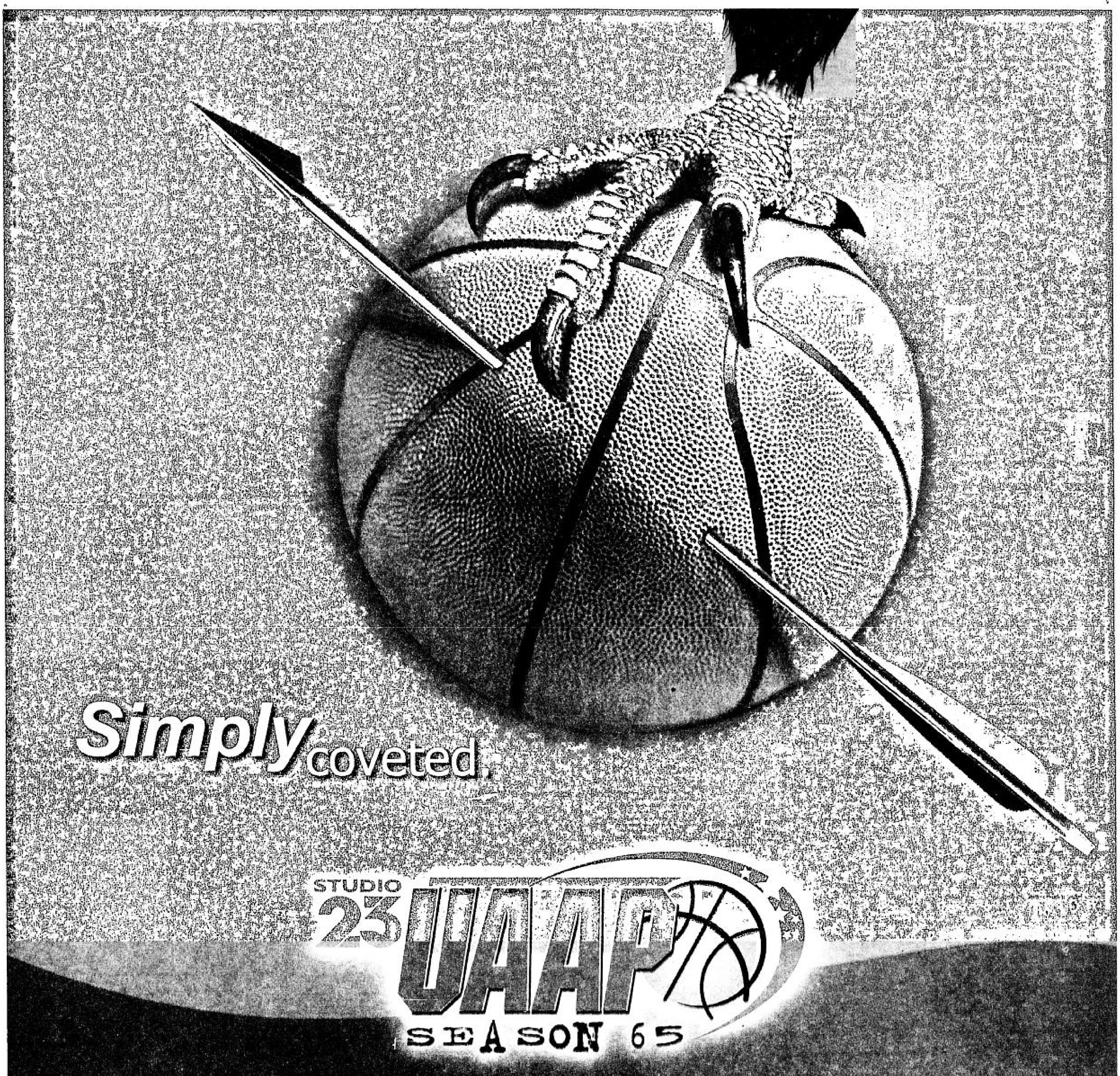

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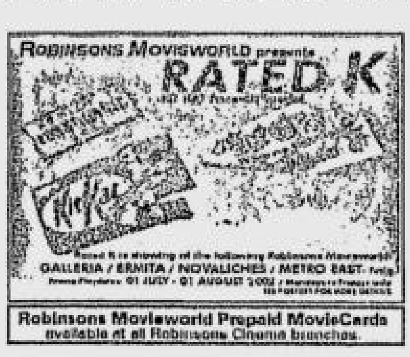
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Suspects in St. Luke doctor's slay set free

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Rivera's "immediate relase."

"These are influential people who have connections in Laguna," the doctor's sister, Lorna Avellaneda, told the INQUIRER. "They're doing everything they can to go scot-free."

Lorna said the Avellaneda family would not have learned that the two suspects had been released if they had not inquired about developments in the case at the NBI.

She said the prosecutor had been keeping information from the Avellaneda family and their lawyer. She said, for instance, that they were not informed about the subpoena that Paderayon issued to the star witness, Edmundo Dayag.

Dayag was Doctor Avellaneda's companion on his trip to Laguna the day he was killed. Dayag said he survived an attack by the suspects.

He identified Rivera, Kraft and Alba as the ones who killed Avellaneda and took his Honda CRV.

Paderayon issued a subpoena to Dayag and the chief of police of Los Baños, who is reportedly a godfather of one of the suspects, without serving notice to the lawyer of the Avellanedas.

The lawyer, Pete Prinsipe, questioned the irregular practice, saying that up to now, he has not been furnished a copy of the resolution downgrading the crime.

Prinsipe said he would file a petition for review before the Department of Justice, even as he pointed out that the suspects would have sufficient time and chance to flee the country while the petition is pending.

"(The suspects) come from well-off families," the lawyer said. "They can afford to get out of the country while the DOJ is reviewing the case."

Authorities are still looking for Kraft, but the Avellanedas believe that the Kraft family's influence is keeping Laguna police from pursuing him actively.

Kraft is said to be a nephew of former Calauan Mayor Antonio Sanchez, who is in prison for the killing of two students, a male and a female, and for the rape of the female student.

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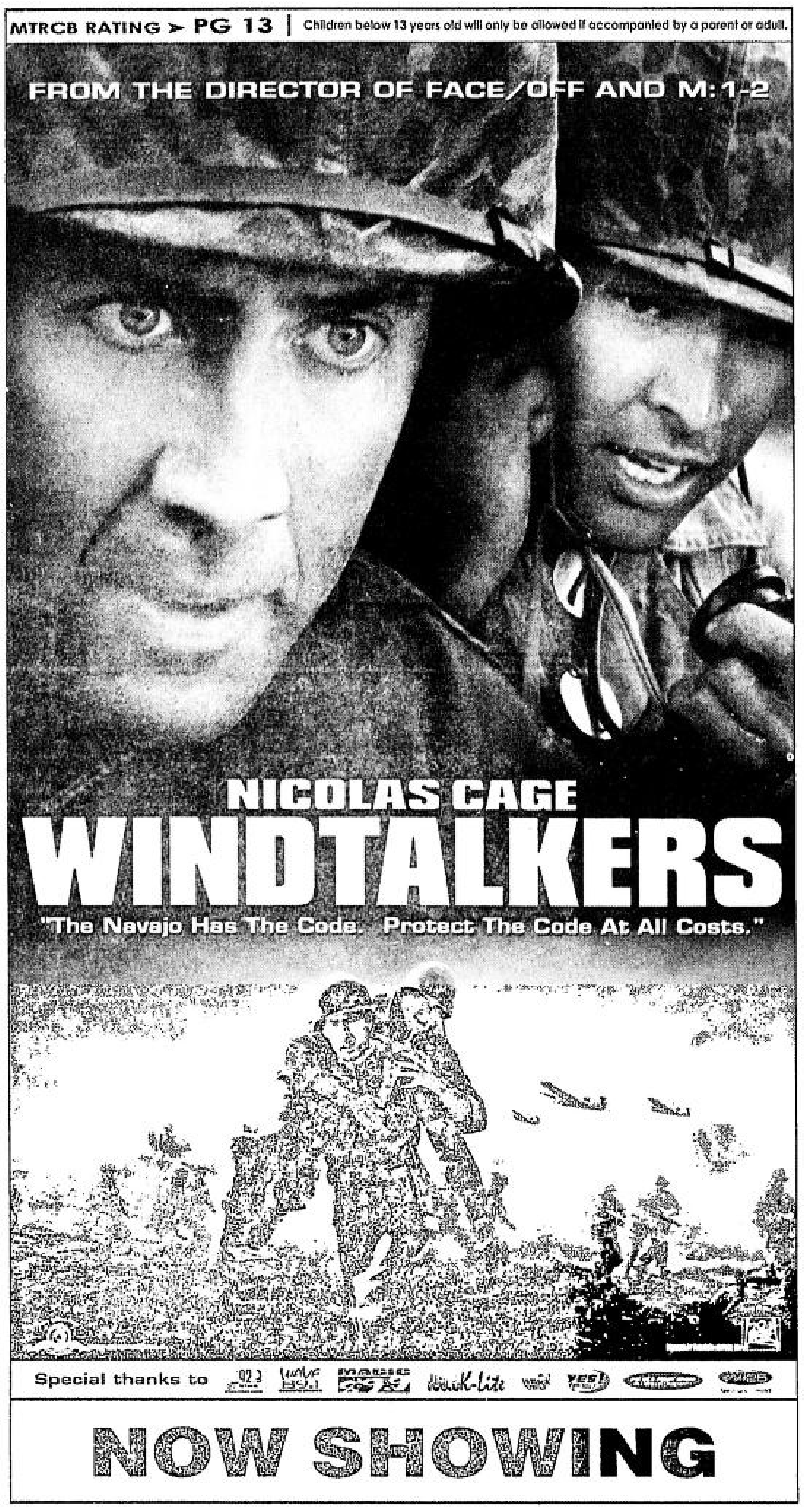
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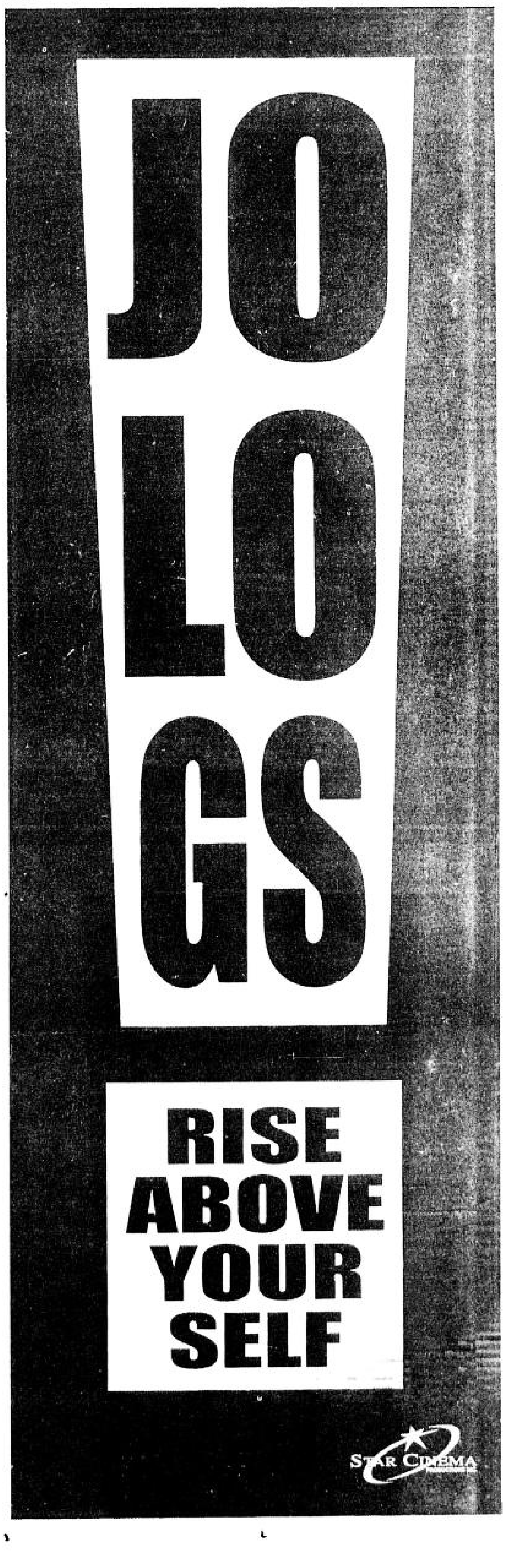
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How to deal with kidnappers

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

IT WAS a good thing the government came to its senses when it stopped negotiating with kidnap gang leader Faisal Marohombsar.

There was no way the government would have granted Marohombsar's demands without demeaning the majesty of the law. He was demanding that he surrender directly to President Macapagal-Arroyo and that all the cases against him be dropped.

The nerve of Marohombsar to make those demands !

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There's a saying that the only way to deal with bad Moros is to kill them.

That's what government troops who are hunting down Marohombsar should do. They should shoot him on sight.

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The government looked stupid negotiating with this Moro kidnapper-murderer. No less than Norberto Gonzales, presidential adviser on special concerns, negotiated for Marohombsar's surrender.

I wonder whether GMA knew about the negotiations. Why would she dignify the Moro kidnapper-murderer by sending her Cabinet member to talk surrender terms with him? If she did, she only dignified that lowlife SOB!

I think Gonzales did it on his own because he wanted to look cute. That "*pa*-cute" gesture blew up in his face when he told the President Marohombsar would surrender and the surrender did not push through.

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The President has ordered 2,000 cops belonging to the PNP's Maritime Command assigned to the Bureau of Customs and the Coast Guard to go after smugglers.

The Maritime Command does not have boats to go after pirates, illegal fishers and smugglers. Maritime Command personnel will be assigned to the Coast Guard which lacks manpower. Those who will be assigned to the customs bureau will help in seizing smuggled goods.

Let's hope the President's order to assign part of the 2,000-strong Maritime Command personnel to the customs bureau was well thought out.

Baka mas lumala ang smuggling *dahil sa mga pulis !*

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Although the above comment was partly said in jest, there's some truth in it.

Sometimes, problems worsen with police intervention. Sometimes, the police are the problem instead of the solution.

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I was told that rice smugglers in the Visayas are rejoicing because they can now freely land their goods at the Cebu port.

I wonder who their contact at the Cebu port is.

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PNP chief Director-General Hermogenes "Jun" Ebdane, who's well liked by the Chinese community, should go after a band of kidnappers which apparently is doing brisk business.

Members of this kidnap gang are cruel. They hurt even their women victims.

A 50-year-old Chinoy woman, recently released by the group, told her friends that she was held for 30 days by the kidnap gang. She said she was blindfolded and tied up for the whole length of her detention.

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The kidnappers negotiated for ransom payment with her son over the phone.

The woman told her friends that every time the negotiations with her son bogged down, the kidnappers would beat her up. It was always that way for 30 days.

The former kidnap victim said she was kept in a cubicle, one of several. The other cubicles, she said, probably had other kidnap victims in them. She said she could hear cries from other cubicles.

As she was being led out of the building, she told friends, she sensed that another victim was being taken into her cubicle to replace her.

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Another kidnap victim, a 40-year-old Filipino businessman, could have been kidnapped by the same gang. He, too, was blindfolded and tied up throughout his ordeal.

He said that he, too, was kept inside a small room, probably a cubicle, and he could hear the groans of other people in other cubicles.

This businessman said that he could hear other people crying in other parts of the house.

Both stories are scary.

Please, General Ebdane, do something about it !

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Let's hope Davao City Mayor Rudy Duterte gets down to business in helping the GMA administration solve the kidnapping problem.

Duterte said he was willing to work under, not side by side or above General Ebdane as a consultant on peace and order.

Duterte is very harsh with lowlife. He is not known as the Dirty Harry of Mindanao for nothing.

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The only way to deal with kidnappers is to kill them on the spot after they are positively identified by their former victims.

It should be made to appear that they were killed in shootouts. Policemen or military men who connive with them should likewise be shot.

Court trials are tedious. Oftentimes, kidnappers go scot-free because of corrupt judges.

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GMA concerned over increase in SLEX toll

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo had called Toll Regulatory Board Executive Director Jaime Dumla a number of times to look into the recent toll increase at the South Luzon Expressway that had led to public furor, according to Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye.

Bunye yesterday said the President had expressed concern over the toll increase.

"The President really called Director Dumlao and she expressed her concern over the increase in toll fees," Bunye said.

Transport groups are threatening to stage strikes unless the TRB, an agency under the Office of the President, recalls the fee increase imposed last month.

But Bunye said that he was not aware of the details of the President's phone conversations with Dumlao even as he pointed out that "the fact that she has called indicates her grave concern for the situation."

Bunye said Dumlao informed the President that the TRB is conducting hearings on the toll increase.

"We will know when the TRB reaches a decision," Bunye said.

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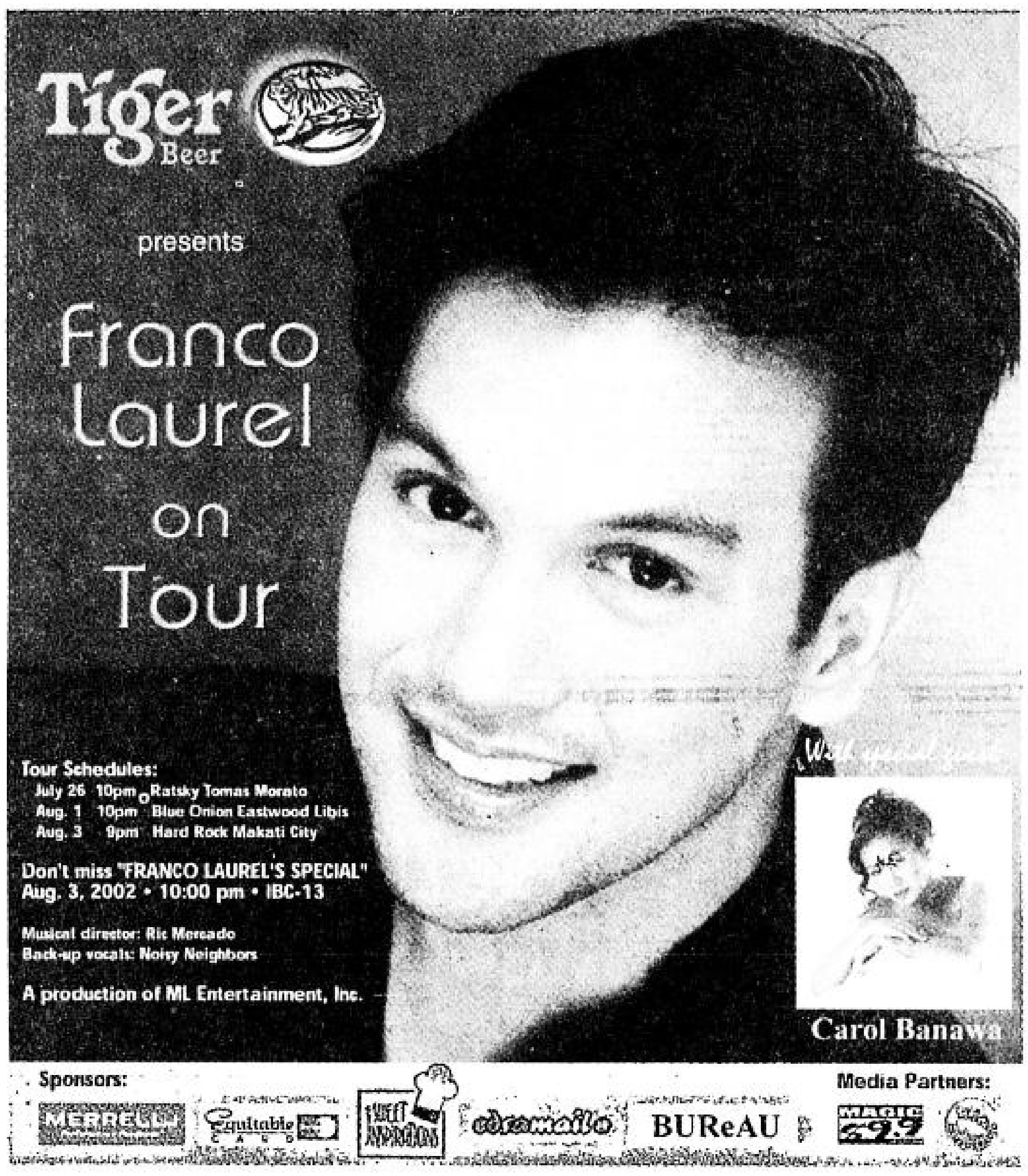
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QC house yields fake quadrillions of dollars

By Philip C. Tubeza

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents yesterday morning found fake quadrillions of dollars when they raided the safehouse of a syndicate that produced counterfeit dollars and fake US treasury and bank notes.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco identified the people behind the syndicate as Rustico S. Cabillar, 46, and his live-in partner Marnelli S. Pepino, 22, both of Sarmiento Street, Novaliches, Quezon City, and Jose M. Rogando, 43, of Solis, Tondo, Manila.

The lawmen confiscated voluminous US Federal Reserve notes, Wells Fargo certificates, and thousands of fake $100-bills.

They also seized a computer, CDs, transparencies, printing equipment and other paraphernalia used in making the fake bills.

NBI Deputy Director Lolito Utitco presented the suspects to the media before noon yesterday. President Macapagal-Arroyo presented them again when she came to the NBI about 3:30 p.m.

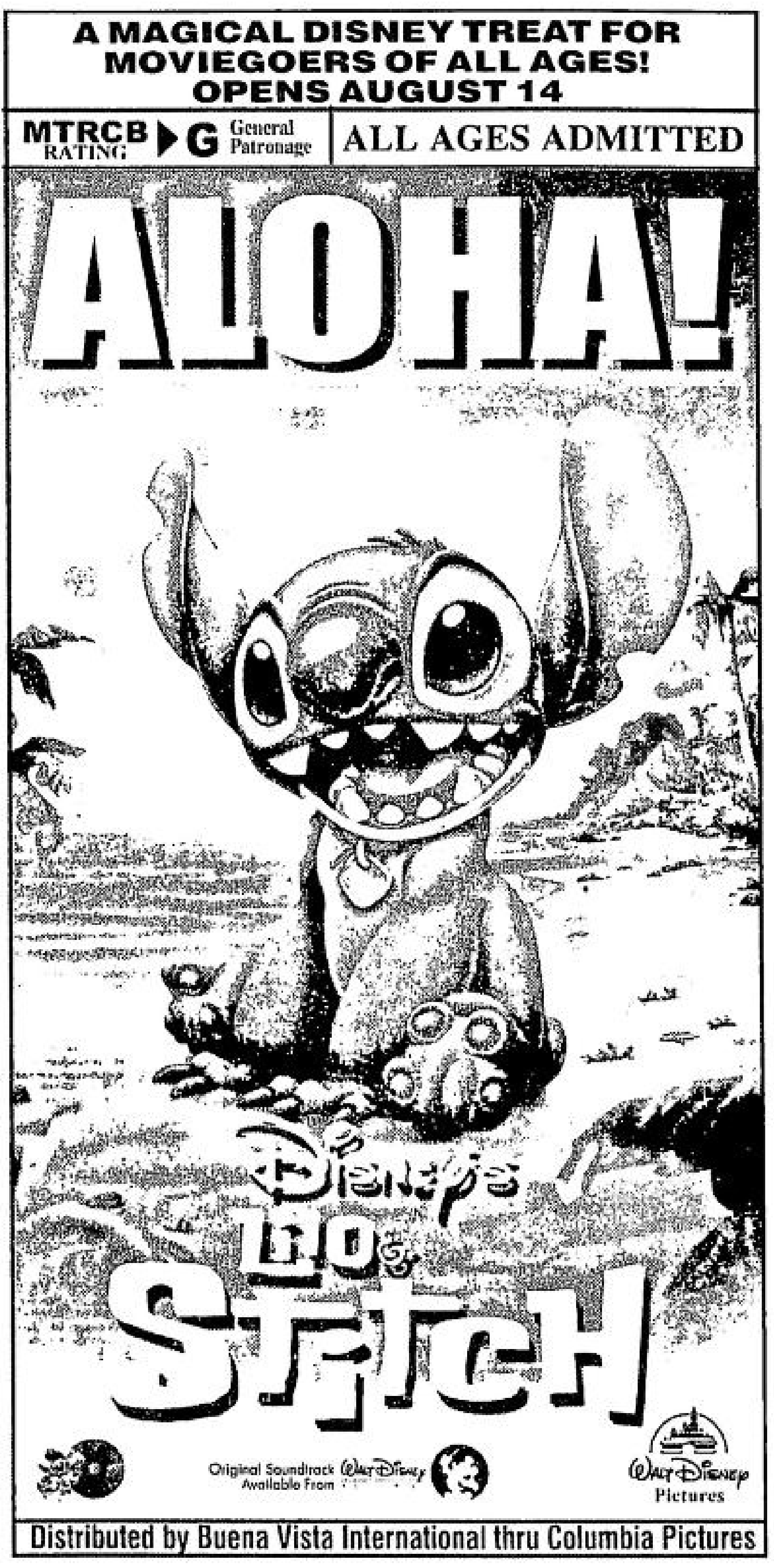
The large catch was made after Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas officials informed the NBI that there were people selling fake dollars in Metro Manila.

Wycoco said the bureau found out that Cabillar had enticed suspect Rogando to sell fake $100-bills for only P600. The current legal exchange rate is P51.1950 to the dollar.

Wycoco said an NBI informant was able to buy a fake dollar bill from Rogando. The bureau then planned a trap.

The informant ordered 150 pieces of fake $100-bills from Rogando and told the latter to meet him on Mabolo Street in Sta. Cruz, Manila. When Rogando came and received the marked money, NBI agents arrested him.

Rogando admitted that Cabillar was the source of the fake dollars. He said Cabillar was waiting for him in Novaliches.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Metro Manila mayors mere 'paper tigers'

By Christian V. Esguerra

METRO MANILA mayors yesterday described themselves as "paper tigers" despite Interior Secretary Jose Lina's declaration that they already wield "awesome powers" over local police.

"In reality, it's the Philippine National Police hierarchy that exercises absolute control over the local police," said Pasay Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, spokesperson of the Metro Manila Mayors' League.

"If indeed we have already been handling local police, officers should have been reporting directly to us and not to the national police."

Trinidad was commenting on Lina's statement that with their immense powers in handling police in their areas, they should no longer ask for the return to them of authority over local police.

Trinidad admitted that mayors currently have authority to suspend erring policemen for 30 days or withhold their salaries.

"But what's a 30-day suspension?" he asked. "It's just a slap on the wrist. Can it really discipline policemen?"

He said that if mayors have absolute authority over local police, they can easily investigate complaints of abuses by policemen and fire these officers afterward.

He said that under the present system, the national police seeks the mayors' approval of the appointment of local police officers but only as a matter of procedure.

"For example, in the appointment of chiefs of police, they just get our approval based on the names they have given to us," Trinidad said. "It would be better if we can appoint the officers ourselves."

Instead of blocking the mayors' efforts to regain control over local police, Lina should just follow President Macapagal-Arroyo's directive that an executive order be prepared so she could grant their request, according to Trinidad.

"The fact that the President herself called for an executive order simply showed that there is a problem with so-called awesome powers that we have over the police," he said. "The system should really be clarified."

The mayors yesterday invited Lina to a dialogue.

"We want to let him know that (in making our request) we are not experimenting with peace and order," Trinidad said. "We are looking for a solution to criminality."

NBI finds still another witness in Nida case

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said it has another witness who claimed he saw Rod Lauren Strunk and Philip Medel together days before actress Nida Blanca was murdered last November.

An NBI source said an auto mechanic in the repair shop where Strunk usually had his car repaired saw Blanca's American husband and Medel together three days before the actress was killed.

The witness said the two men went to the car repair shop to check on Strunk's car, according to the NBI source.

"He is absolutely positive about Strunk," the source said. "He had his car repaired."

The witness said he saw a "tall dark man with a moustache" accompanying the American. The mechanic has already given a sworn statement to the bureau.

The source claimed the NBI is also checking the repair shop's logbook.

The NBI earlier said that a security guard had seen Strunk and Medel meet in a Quezon City house during the "last week of September or early October."

NBI spokesperson Ricardo Diaz said the guard's statement disproved Strunk's statement that he did not know Medel.

"Despite the denials of Rod Strunk that he never knew Medel from Adam, we now have (these witnesses who say otherwise)," Diaz said.

"The impact of (these) is that Rod Strunk's credibility has been eroded," he added.

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Antipolo vs San Mateo over landfill

By Nelson F. Flores

ANTIPOLO CITY and San Mateo town in Rizal are fighting over the San Mateo Sanitary Landfill, with each claiming territorial jurisdiction over the controversial dumpsite.

Antipolo Mayor Angelito Gatbalayan said he would continue to oppose any plan to reopen the landfill, stressing that only the Antipolo City government can decide whether to reopen the landfill or not.

"We will not allow its reopening," Gatbalayan stressed.

He added that San Mateo has no authority to even consider the reopening of the landfill since "the lot area where the garbage disposal facility is located falls under the territorial jurisdiction of Antipolo.'"

Gatbalayan said the city government has in its possession a Bureau of Lands cadastral map and other territorial references, like a lot plan made by the city government, local tax declarations and a map issued by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, pointing to Antipolo as the LGU that has valid control and supervision of the area where the SMSL is located.

Gatbalayan said the city government has always made known that the SMSL is under the jurisdiction of Antipolo City.

"That is why we are most vigilant in opposing the continued operation of the SMSL," Gatlabayan said.

He said that they deliberately allowed the landfill to be identified as San Mateo because they do not want Antipolo City to be identified as the dumping ground for Metro Manila's trash. He said this would run counter to their efforts to promote the city as a tourist site.

But San Mateo Mayor Jose Diaz said the Antipolo government cannot lay claim to the SMSL. He said a copy of their own Bureau of Lands cadastral survey clearly shows that the SMSL falls under the territorial boundary of his town.

Diaz also noted that the Namria map cited by Gatbalayan cannot be accepted since the map was drawn for military, and not civilian, purposes. He explained that even the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, which owns the property, recognizes San Mateo's jurisdiction over the area as it pays the required tipping fees to the municipal government.

On the proposed reopening of the SMSL, Diaz said he still has to decide the matter since there is no formal request coming from the provincial government or the MMDA to reopen the SMSL. He said he would first have to consult his constituents before making a decision.

But local political observers believed that Diaz is inclined to allow the reopening of the SMSL, or he would not be vacillating on the issue.

The SMSL was closed in 2000 after residents condemned it for causing environmental damage in Rizal.

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pany because he repeatedly failed to respond to their letters requesting for an audience with him.

"Going to court is the last resort for us," Molina said. "We have no other choice."

Jancom also wants to hear from President Macapagal-Arroyo, who earlier had refused to sign the Jancom contract because she said it was "flawed" even after the Supreme Court had declared the contract valid and perfected.

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The motion was filed before Branch 68 of the Pasig Regional Trial Court on July 30.

Aside from Fernando, named respondents were the executive secretary and Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Heherson Alvarez as chair of the Solid Waste Management Commission.

When asked to comment about the motion, Fernando said he has nothing to say for now since the matter is with the Office of the Solicitor General.

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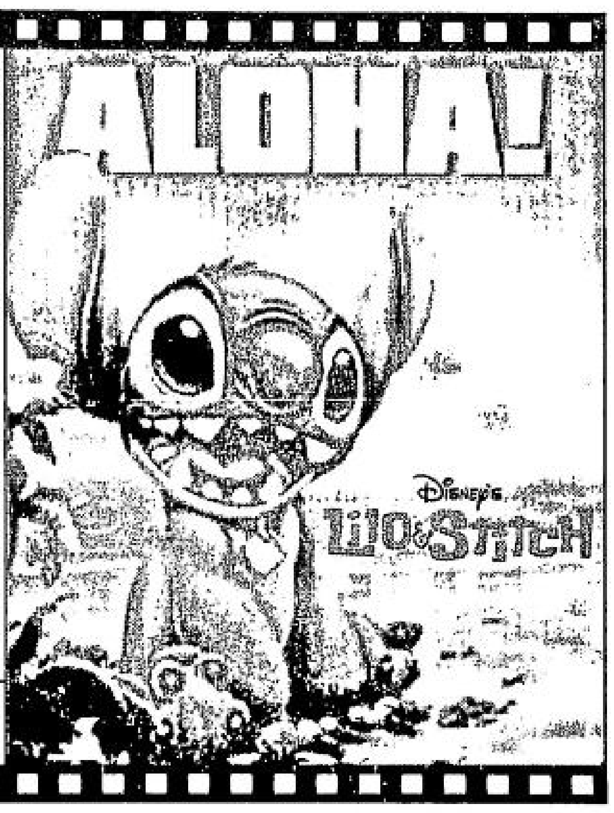
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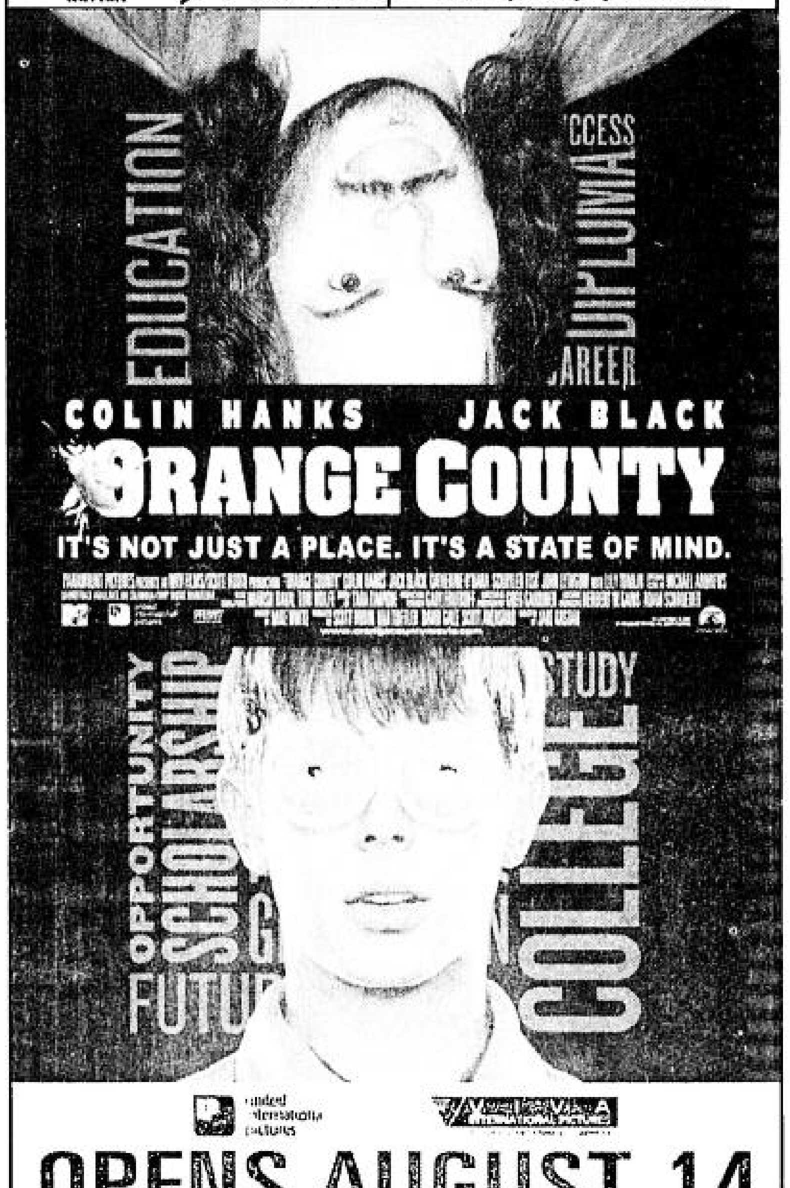
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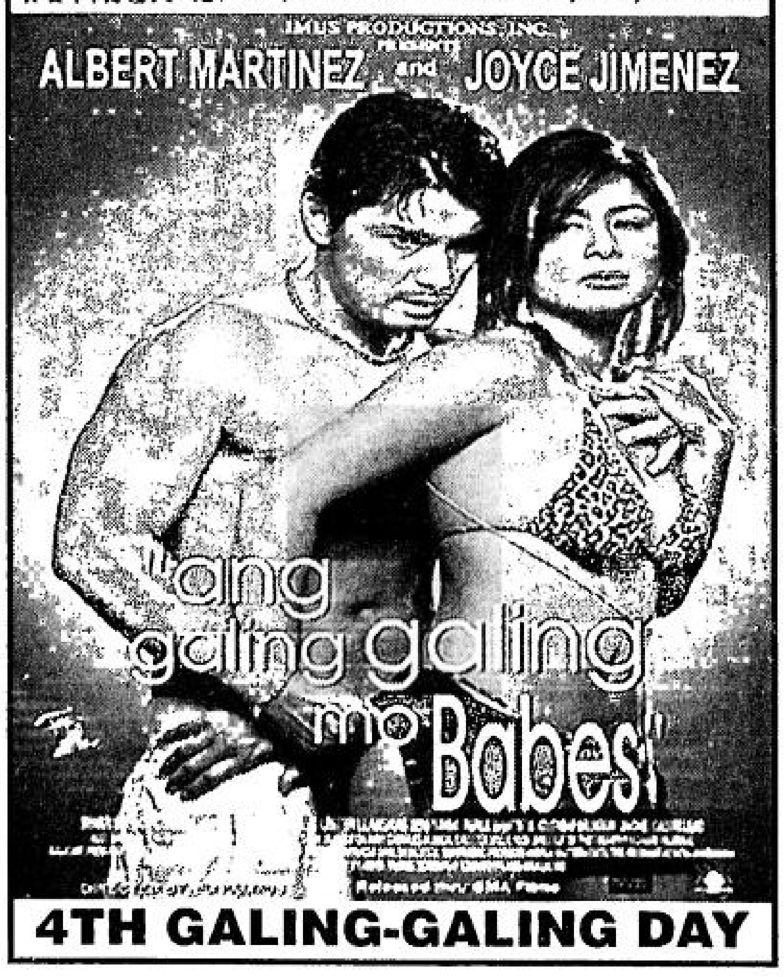
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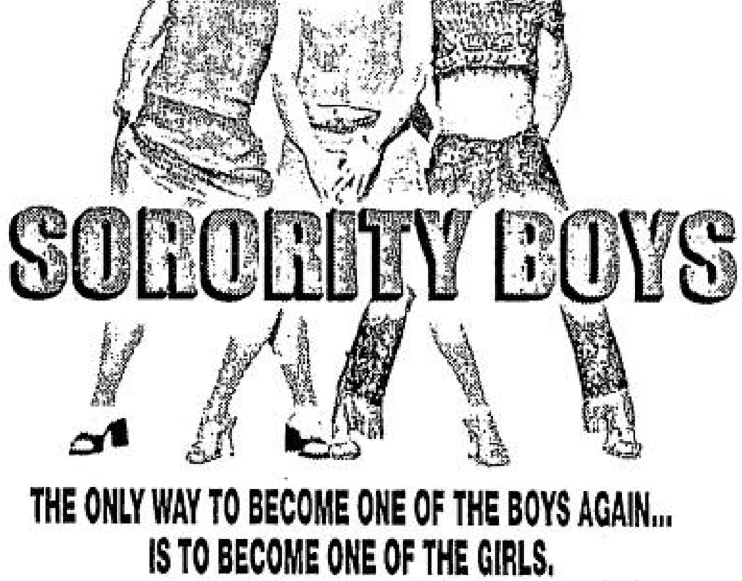
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Do they still have jobs or not?

By Leila B. Salaverria

SOME 2,000 casual employees of the Metro Manila Development Authority are up in arms after MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando did not sign their reappointment papers for August.

The employees' last day of appointment was July 31, but since no work stoppage order has been issued, they continue to report for work.

"This situation is very emotionally distressing," said one casual employee who asked not to be identified. "We don't know whether we still have jobs or not. In my 11 years in the MMDA, this is the first time something like this has happened."

But MMDA Assistant General Manager for Operations Rogelio Uranza said the employees who continue to report for work would be paid.

"They were not told to stop working," Uranza said. "As long as they work, they will be paid. We're just studying their reappointment."

MMDA has 1,028 casual employees and 729 job order employees. Casual employees are those who have benefits similar to permanent employees but they work for a specified length of time. Job order employees do not have benefits and do not get paid if they do not report for work.

The casual employees were expecting to be reappointed until Dec. 31 this year, as they usually get a six-month contract. Job order employees are appointed for three months. But they said Fernando had appointed them only up to July 31.

About 300 employees gathered outside the office of Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration Eduardo Mejos on Thursday afternoon to protest their appointment only up to July 31. Mejos assured them they would be compensated for services rendered.

"When we wake up, we're not sure if we still have jobs," a woman said. "It's hard to work if you do not have security."

METRO BRIEFS

Drowned

THE BLOATED body of an unidentified boy, about 7 years old, was fished out of a river in Caloocan City on Thursday, police said. The body was spotted floating in the Para-Ocho River in Camarin, Caloocan. PO3 Nilo Padulaga said the boy could have gone for an afternoon swim with his playmates and drowned when heavy currents swept him to the deep part of the river.

Tina Santos

Convicted

TAXI drivers Romeo Sibomit Jr. and Ramon Tribiana on Monday were sentenced to life imprisonment for robbing and raping a 22-year-old woman in a taxi in 1999. Quezon City Judge Theresa de la Torre-Yadao ordered Sibomit and Tribiana to pay the victim P100,000 each in damages. Yadao also directed the national police to immediately arrest the third man, George Graham, who went into hiding after Sibomit and Tribiana were arrested. Records said the robbery and rape happened in front of a disco in Cubao, Quezon City at about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 8, 1999. The woman was on her way home when the three men , on board a Cruzette taxi (PVA 181), grabbed her and pushed her in the taxi. They took all the contents of her bag, then took took turns in raping her.

Agnes Donato

Killed

ROMEO Roquel lost his life when he tried to fight off a pair of armed robbers in Quezon City Tuesday night. Roquel, 58, a driver for EMP taxi and a resident of Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, was stabbed four times. He died on the way to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. PO1 Gregorio Maramag said barangay watchmen under Danilo Layron were on patrol when they spotted Roquel's taxicab parked in Barangay Project 6 at about 9 p.m. When they approached the cab, the suspects got out and escaped. Layron said they tried to chase the suspects but lost them.

Alcuin Papa

Shot

BALUT vendor Michael Macadaeg was shot dead by fellow vendor Randy Gaban after they fought over customers in Quezon City Tuesday night. Police said Macadaeg, 22, was shot in the face. Macadaeg was selling balut near his house in Barangay Rodriguez at about 5 p.m., when Gaban shot him once with a handgun and fled. Police later learned that the two had a long standing conflict over customers.

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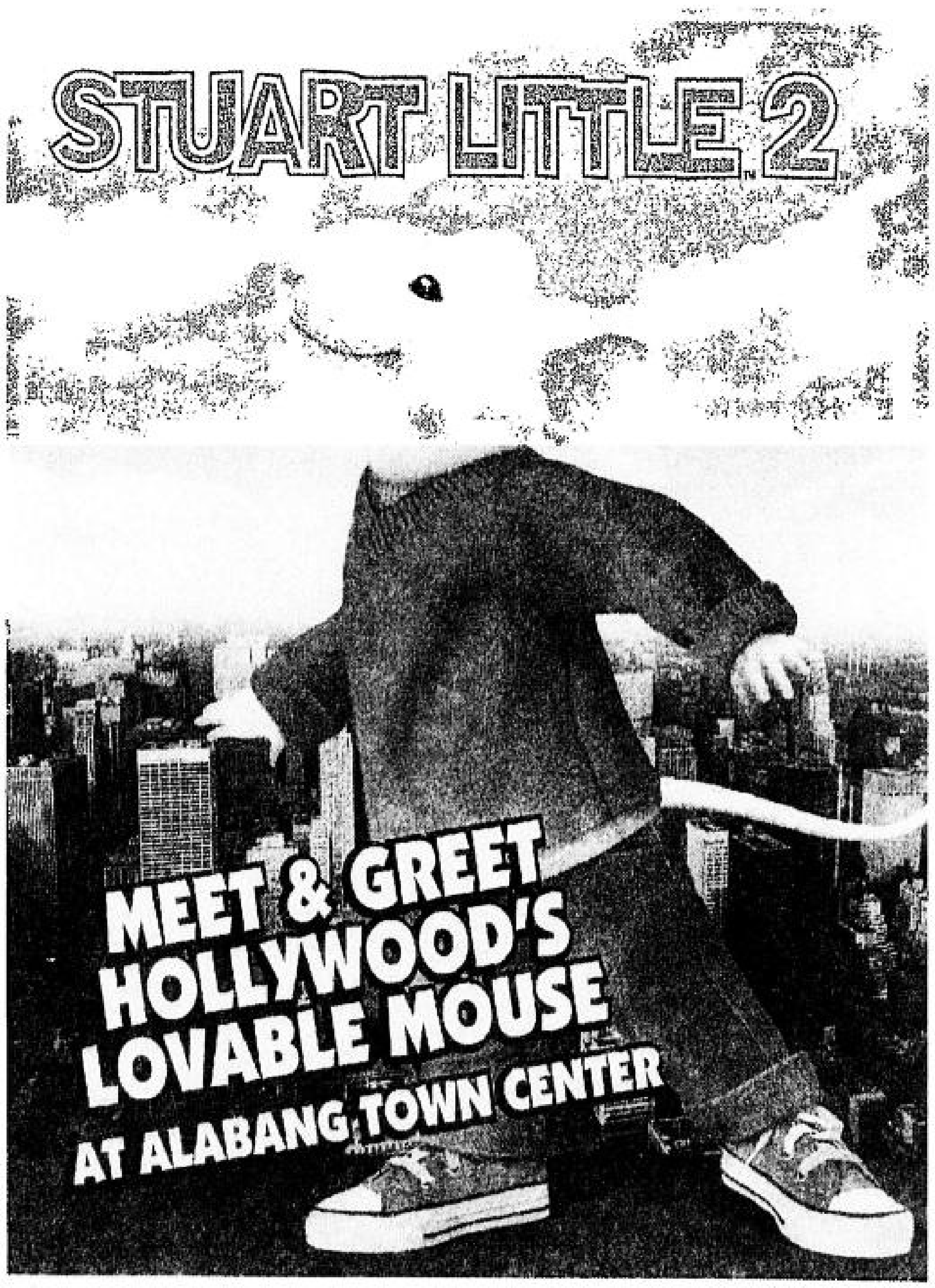
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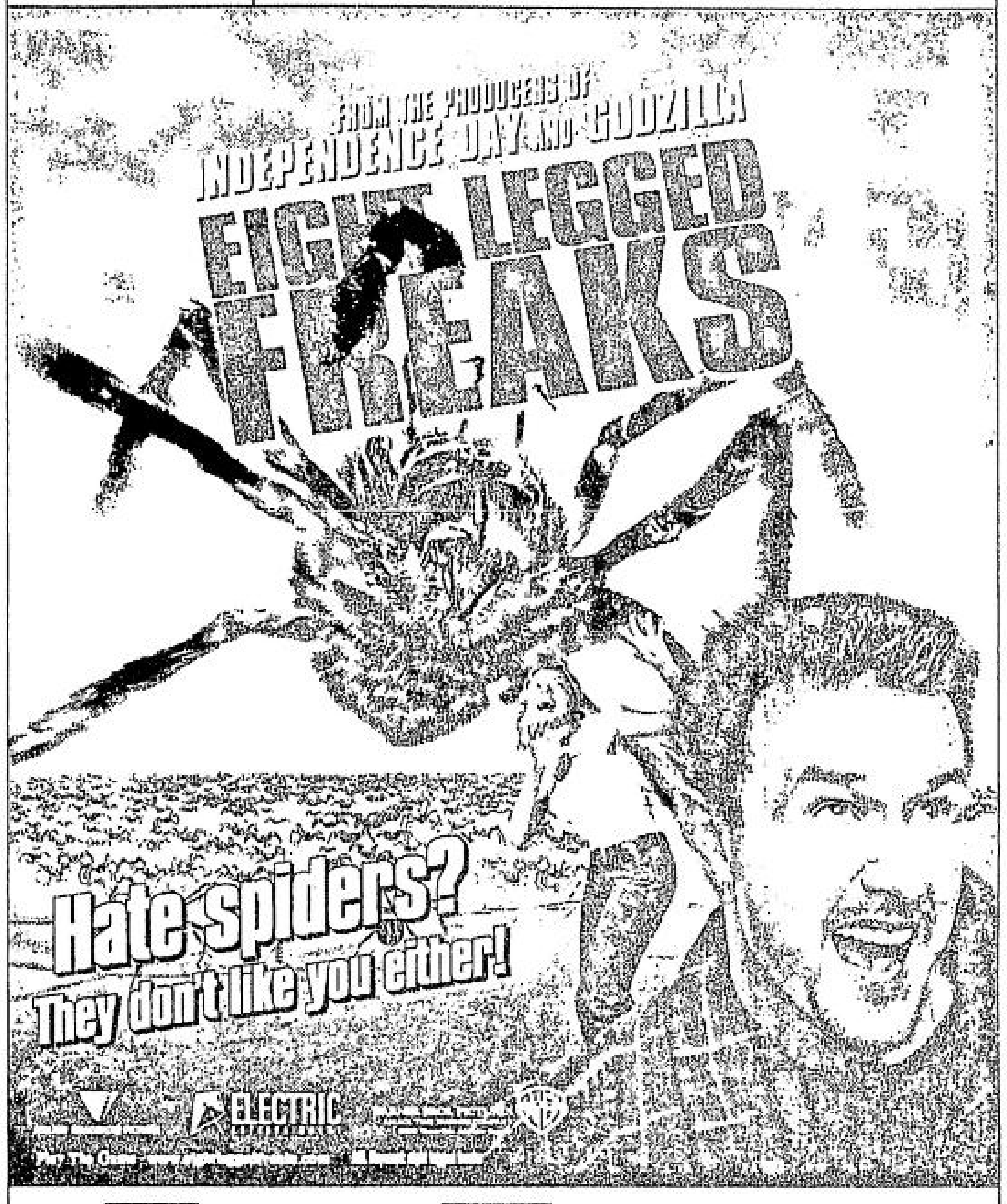
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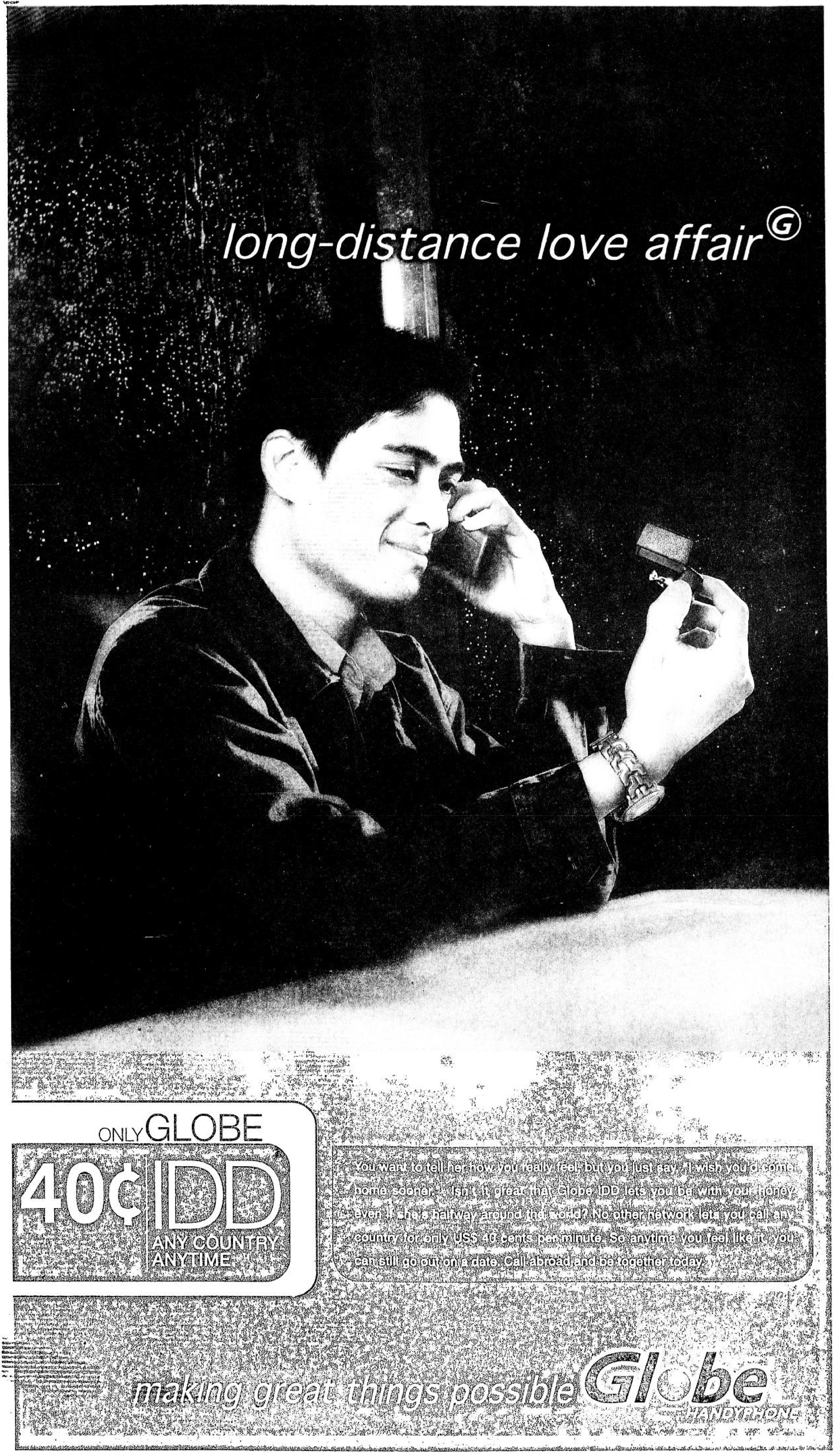
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Gov't, Lucio Tan sign PNB sale deal

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT and the Lucio Tan group signed Thursday night an agreement to sell jointly their stakes totalling 67 percent in Philippine National Bank within the next three to five years.

The sale is one of the items provided in the debt-to-equity accord signed last May by the two parties.

They also signed an escrow agreement and assigned JP Morgan Chase as the custodian of the shares representing the 67-percent block. The two new agreements would lapse after five years.

Norberto Nazareno, president of the state-owned Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. and director of PNB, said the joint sale and escrow deals indicated that the government was serious in privatizing the bank and that it would stay in PNB "only during this critical period."

The sale of 67 percent of PNB was approved by the Privatization and Management Office even before the May 2 agreement was forged.

Nazareno said JP Morgan Chase was chosen out of 10 foreign and local investment banks that proposed to be the custodian of the shares. JP Morgan Chase reportedly offered the most reasonable fee and a competitive trust department that would handle the escrow account.

"We even executed legal documents saying that once a joint sale is completed, JP Morgan Chase can turnover the shares to the new owner," Nazareno said.

The joint sale agreement also provided that the 67-percent block would be offered first to the Lucio Tan group before it would be sold to other investors.

Nazareno said he was confident that the new PNB management would be able to turn the bank around and improve its finances so that a joint sale within the next five years would be feasible.

He pointed out that the bank management led by PNB president Lorenzo Tan had committed to bring the bank's finances to breakeven in three years and for the losses to start declining substantially starting this year.

The sale of foreclosed assets at attractive prices and the increase in the bank's deposits alongside the decline in non-performing loans were among PNB's priorities.

Nazareno said these strategies essentially comprised the bank's rehabilitation plan that was submitted to the PDIC and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas two weeks ago.

PNB has P6.1 billion worth of outstanding obligations to the government that it has to settle within a 10-year period.

The bank had been showing signs of improvement based on its first semester performance when PNB's net loss of P1.4 billion went down by 64.1 percent from P3.9 billion in the same period in 2001.

Shopwise agrees to pay fines for ad row

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SHOPWISE Super Centers Inc. has agreed to pay the token fines imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry on the Rustan's subsidiary for its series of allegedly misleading print ads trumpeting bargain-basement prices for major promotion items.

Shopwise said it would not contest the DTI-National Capital Region's charges that its print ads for Shopwise Wise Deals 2 differed from what the government agency approved for publication.

Shopwise said the DTI ruled that it was liable for P4,000 in fines for each time that the print ad appeared. The questioned teaser ads were released from July 18 to 20 in two newspapers (including the Philippine Daily Inquirer), which meant that Shopwise was liable for P24,000 in total penalties.

Shopwise has put the blame on the advertising fiasco squarely on the shoulders of its ad agency, which decided to go ahead with the teaser without explaining the mechanics of the promo.

Trade and Industry Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. earlier said there was prima facie evidence of Shopwise's violation of False, Deceptive and Misleading Advertisement under the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

Shopwise aroused shoppers' interest with hefty price cuts on a brand new pickup truck, digital video disc players, and food products. The teaser ads did not contain the mechanics of the promo (which came out in the fourth installment of the series on July 21 when the promo kicked off) but only advised shoppers to read posters for details in small font.

Hundreds of shoppers, who did not read the final installment of the ad campaign, were incensed to find out that they had to compete with other shoppers in accumulating purchase coupons before they could buy a pickup for P500,000 or a DVD player for P1,500.

Shopwise "Wild Deals2" Teaser Ad

Recently, an inordinate amount of attention has been focused on alleged misleading teaser ads that were released in several broadsheets regarding a promotion dubbed, Wild Deals 2. As the advertising agency responsible for this advertising campaign, we are clearing the matter once and for all, and hope you lend us a compassionate ear.

The simple truth is there was never any intent to mislead or deceive the public.

We have worked very hard for the success of our client's campaign Shopwise Wild Deals 2. We painstakingly prepared the ads and numerous materials so that all information and mechanics pertaining to the campaign are clear and transparent.

But in the midst of preparing the materials, an oversight had us leaving out certain details in the 3-day teaser ads. By their very nature, teaser ads do not spell out all the details at one time. As traditional advertising tools, these teaser ads should therefore not be judged for whatever information they withhold or omit, but rather by the claims that they uphold. However, we made an honest and unintentional omission and we sincerely apologize for what was clearly, human error.

We take full responsibility for the unfortunate mistake and encourage all parties to channel their queries and complaints through this good agency.

We commend the public for their vigilance. Most of all, we salute the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for their swift action on this matter to protect the public interest and ultimately, our most-valued client, the Filipino consumer.

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DTI, SEC move to strengthen law against marketing scams

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE GOVERNMENT will widen the coverage of illegal pyramiding activities to include multi-level marketing schemes that peddle worthless products to shroud their Ponzi operations.

Trade and Industry Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. said the government had to broaden the coverage of pyramiding scams under the Consumer Act of the Philippines because these swindling schemes have become more sophisticated through the years. The change will be implemented through a Department Administrative Order or DAO.

"We have to keep pace with new marketing schemes involving products that have become a subterfuge to pyramiding activities," Cristobal said.

Cristobal explained that the Consumer Act did not explicitly prohibit the use of pyramiding schemes to sell a product that was either worthless or overvalued.

The Consumer Act defines pyramiding as a sales device or scheme where participants invest in the right or chance to get compensation or gifts based on the introduction of more participants into the program.

The planned DTI order will ban sales schemes where agents or recruits get their income by enlisting more participants or through the multiple resale of goods with mark-up from level to level.

While multi-level marketing was a legitimate marketing tool, it becomes illegal when the products peddled have no value and were obviously used as a ploy to fool consumers and regulators, Cristobal said.

Pyramiding schemes normally require entry fees or compulsory purchases of a fixed quantity of products for the right to join the scheme. The DTI said consumers should be wary of marketing schemes where the fees collected from new recruits were used to pay off claims by old recruits; where a participant's income was based on his slot according to the time, date and order of participation, and where participants are not allowed to return the products or get a refund.

Aside from widening the coverage of the Consumer Act, the DAO is also expected to put more teeth in the law's provisions by jacking up fines against transgressors.

Cristobal said the DTI and the Securities and Exchange Commission would sign next week a memorandum of understanding delineating their respective jurisdiction in cases involving pyramiding and other multi-level marketing scams.

POWER RATE DISCOUNT

President Macapagal-Arroyo presides over the presentation of the Special Program to Enhance Electricity Demand (SPEED) in a ceremony at the Heroes Hall in Malacañang on July 29. SPEED is aimed at stimulating electricity demand and optimizing the utilization of existing power plants by offering discounts on incremental power consumption above the current based load (CBL). With the President are Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. (left) and Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel Roxas II (right).

Petron bags ₱513-M fuel supply deal

LOCAL oil giant Petron Corp. has cornered a P513-million deal from National Power Corp. involving the supply of its oil-fired plants' fuel requirements.

Data from Napocor's fuel management department show that Petron was contracted to provide a total of 65.6 million liters of fuel for the remainder of this year and the whole of 2003.

Of the said volume, 54.8 million liters worth P421 million are bunker fuel intended for land-based generators in Cavite, Bohol and Panay, and for power barges No. 108 and 109 based in Romblon.

An additional 10.8 million liters of diesel worth P92 million will cover the requirements of private Napocor-contracted power plants in Navotas and Zamboanga.

Petron secured the contracts through negotiations after the two auctions held for said contracts failed.

The Napocor board has approved the contracts but a go-ahead from the Department of Energy is also needed. Napocor expects the DoE's approval within the month.

In the auctions for the fuel supply contracts held in March, Petron won P4.9 billion worth of contracts covering 667 million liters of bunker.

PLDT to complete debt-reduction plan

INDUSTRY leader Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. said it expected to complete its liability management exercise by the end of the month to address its more than $1.3 billion in maturing loans from this year to 2004.

The company said in a statement that a substantial part of its debt management program had already been completed, capping a good first half performance despite issues with parent firm First Pacific Co. Ltd.

"To be able to deliver such a strong performance and to substantially complete PLDT's liability management program during these challenging times is testimony to the capability of the PLDT management in steering the company in the right direction. The board remains committed to its stated strategy and is confident the PLDT management team will successfully implement the agreed plans for the company," PLDT chair Antonio "Tony Boy" Cojuangco said.

As of end-July, PLDT has already drawn around $32.9 million against the $149-million refinancing facility it signed with German development bank Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW) in January.

This facility refinances approximately half of the maturing loans that PLDT owes KfW. The amount to be disbursed from this year to 2004 is payable in eight semi-annual installments beginning April 2007 to October 2010.

PLDT also successfully issued $350 million worth of global notes in May, the proceeds of which were used to repurchase its existing 2003 and 2004 notes worth $62.3 million and $116.9 million, respectively, as well as prepay some of the company's short- to medium-term debts.

Syndication is also ongoing for a $130-million multi-currency term loan facility that will refinance around half the principal amount of PLDT's loans maturing next year to two banks.

Aside from the refinancing phase of the company's liability management exercise, PLDT is also expecting increased cash flow from operations and a dividend payout from cellular subsidiary Smart Communications Inc. *Abigail L. Ho*

Keppel Securities to resume local operations on Monday

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOREIGN stockbroker Keppel Securities Philippines Inc., a unit of the Keppel group of Singapore, is set to resume trading operations this Monday.

The Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday announced that it had approved the application of Keppel Securities, which was among the foreign brokers that suspended operations last year, to reactivate its local operations.

Keppel Securities' decision to resume trading here was made despite the sluggish market conditions as indicated by the poor daily volume turnover.

Its return to business will bring to 10 the active foreign brokers in the PSE as against the 23 foreign brokerage houses whose operations remained suspended.

Earlier, another Singaporean broker, DBS Vickers Securities confirmed plans to shut down local operations by Aug. 31. DBS Vickers is set to transfer its securities business to local broker SB Equities Inc.

PSE president Ernest Leung said he hoped it would be the last foreign broker that would cease operations in the country.

Among the big brokerage houses that left the Philippine market last year were Merrill Lynch Securities (Philippines) Inc., (whose operations were continued by Philippine Equity Partners Inc.), HSBC Securities (Philippines) Inc., GK Goh Securities (Phils) Inc., Nomura Securities Phils. Inc., Securities 2000 Inc., Citicorp Securities International (RP) Inc., Guoco Securities (Phils) Inc. and Worldsec International Securities (Phils) Inc.

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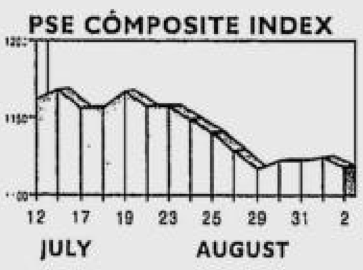

Market down on soft US economic data

LOCAL stocks ended a three-day streak of gains yesterday, led down by a fall in telecom giant PLDT and the negative sentiment spread by weak US economic data, analysts said.

"External factors are pulling us down, while budget deficit concerns linger," said AB Capital economic analyst Jose Vistan.

"I think the negative bias is due to a series of weak economic reports from the United States like manufacturing numbers and GDP. These indicators are signaling a double-dip recession that would have an effect on us since the US is our biggest trading partner," Vistan said.

The Philippine main index ended 6.09 points or 0.54 percent lower at 1,119.07 points.

On the week, the index dropped 0.92 percent.

Losers outpaced gainers 28 to 15, and there were 33 stocks unchanged. Value turnover went up to P445.72 million from Thursday's P315.2 million.

Reuters

Freeze in tariff cuts sought

LEADERS of industry and labor said they would press the government for a moratorium in the reduction of tariffs under the Common Effective Preferential Tariffs (CEPT) of the Asean Free Trade Area (Afta).

Under the Asean program, tariffs on products produced and traded in the region will be reduced to zero to 5 percent by next year.

The call for a moratorium on the tariff reduction was made by participants of a recent forum organized by the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA) in Quezon City on July 30.

Wilfredo Paras, chair of the Association of Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP), said further tariff reduction under Afta would threaten some $1 billion in investments in the local petrochemical industry and the plan to set up a $600-million naphtha cracker plant.

Paras said the lowering of tariffs was also feared to cause the loss of jobs of about 6,000 workers and professionals dependent on the petrochemical industry.

He said the local petrochemical industry was still in its infancy stage, having been established only in 1998, as compared with the petrochemical industries of the other Afta members that have been in operation for as long as 20 years.

"The petrochemical industries of most of our Asean competitors have been maintaining tariffs of as high as 40 percent for decades, giving them all the time and leverage to develop and mature. Thus, they could now afford to lower their tariffs even to 5 percent," he explained.

During the forum, Bobby Sison, general manager of Metalcast Corp., a parts supplier to the motorcycle industry, also reported a dramatic increase in cheap motorcycle imports from China from 2,500 units in 1999 to 60,000 units this year. He also complained about the massive smuggling of motorcycles.

Sison said further cuts in tariff would kill the local industry.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, August 2, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
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Bank of the Phil. Islands	45.5	45.5	44.5	45	581,200
China Banking Corp.	600	600	600	600	120
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	28.5	29.5	28.5	29.5	645,200
First E-Bank Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	3,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	35	35	34	34.5	227,200
Philippine National Bank	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	400
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	7,400
Security Bank Corp.	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75	1,100
Union Bank of the Phil.	18	18	18	18	30,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
First Abacus Financial	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	70,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1200	1220	1200	1220	510
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	10,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	900	900	885	900	6,610
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	22	22	22	22	11,700
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	1,300,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	510	510	500	505	25,440
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.03	0.034	0.029	0.034	21,800,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.026	0.029	0.026	0.029	30,600,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	8,000
Piltel	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	100,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	312.5	312.5	305	310	89,050
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	500,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	19.75	19.75	19.5	19.5	8,200
Manila Electric Co. B	28	28.5	28	28	905,900
Petron Corp.	1.72	1.76	1.72	1.74	1,329,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	86,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.44	2.44	2.44	2.44	126,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	3.35	3.5	3.35	3.5	621,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	20,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.25	12.25	12	12	122,700
RFM Corp.	0.86	0.86	0.81	0.84	1,110,000
San Miguel Corp. A	46	46.5	46	46.5	129,600
San Miguel Corp. B	51.5	52.5	51.5	52.5	94,100
Universal Robina Corp.	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	300,000
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Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.38	2.38	2.36	2.38	2,997,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	100,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	20,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	10,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	10	10	10	10	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.31	5,380,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	10,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	13.5	13.75	13.25	13.5	1,529,100
Global Equities Inc.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	1,200,000
Ionics Inc.	5	5.1	5	5.1	20,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.4	1.4	425,000
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Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	10,000
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HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
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Araneta Properties Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	90,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	650,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.96	1.96	1.94	1.94	970,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18	1,130,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.09	0.0925	0.09	0.0925	10,100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.7	10,941,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	510,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	320,000
Omico Corp.	0.0026	0.0026	0.0024	0.0024	6,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	50,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0026	0.0028	0.0026	0.0028	31,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0028	0.0028	0.0026	0.0026	10,000,000
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PRO	52,121,000	231,948,390.00
Mining	6,880,000	171,100.00
OIL	42,250,000	169,800.00
GRAND TOTALS:	206,167,930	445,611,685.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	445.65	DOWN 4.22
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,529.59	DOWN 4.88
PRO	525.12	DOWN 4.75
Mining	1,085.68	UP 26.06
OIL	1.33	UP 0.01
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Hong Kong	Dollar	0.130173	0.128207	6.5587
Switzerland	Franc	0.690045	0.679625	34.7676
Canada	Dollar	0.638012	0.628378	32.1459
Singapore	Dollar	0.577681	0.568958	29.1062
Australia	Dollar	0.546465	0.538213	27.5334
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India	Rupee	0.020901	0.020585	1.0531
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Mexico	New Peso	0.103194	0.101636	5.1994
New Zealand	Dollar	0.470911	0.463800	23.7266
Norway	Kroner	0.133247	0.131235	6.7136
Pakistan	Rupee	0.017093	0.016835	0.8612
South Africa	Rand	0.099153	0.097656	4.9958
Sweden	Kroner	0.105932	0.104332	5.3373
Syria	Pound	0.019753	0.019455	0.9953
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.030381	0.029922	1.5307
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000752	0.000741	0.0379

9 insurance firms need to hike capital to ₱50M by end-2002

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE NUMBER of non-life insurance companies that have yet to meet the P50-million capital requirement has fallen to nine from 16 last month, Insurance Commissioner Eduardo Malinis said.

In an interview, Malinis said that these nine companies have until Sept. 30 to increase their capital to P30 million and up to the end of the year to increase to P50 million.

At present, all nine companies each have a capital base of P10 million.

These are: Development Insurance and Surety Corp., Far Eastern Surety & Insurance Co. Inc., First Quezon City Insurance Co. Inc., Investors Assurance Corp., Luzon Insurance & Surety Co. Inc., Mega Pacific Insurance Corp., South Sea Surety & Insurance Co. Inc., Times Surety & Insurance Co.

Inc., and Philippine Pryce Assurance Corp.

Earlier, the finance department, the supervisor of the insurance commission, did not want to extend the end-July deadline for non-life insurance companies to meet the capital requirement but then changed its mind after these insurance firms pleaded with finance officials for more time.

If they do not meet the capital requirements, the insurance commission will not renew their license to sell insurance.

Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has affirmed its BBpi public information ratings on Malayan Insurance Co. Inc. and Pioneer Insurance and Surety Corp.

In a statement, the ratings agency, however, expressed concerns about the companies' high level of equity investments and the sustainability of their profitability, in view of the weak investment markets and difficult operating environment.

The ratings agency said its affirmations were based on insurance companies' strong market positions in the Philippines general insurance industry, as well as their strong solvency and satisfactory reserving levels.

These factors are counterbalanced by the weak performance trend of the companies' underwriting profitability, a high reliance on reinsurance support, and relatively high exposure to the volatile equity markets.

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Bataan gov't lauds BCDA dev't program

THE PROVINCIAL government of Bataan led by Gov. Leonardo Roman has hailed the leadership of Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) president and CEO Rufo Colayco for his efforts to transform the Bataan Technology Park (BTP) into a world-class ecotourism and industrial complex.

Roman said that Colayco's recent assumption has led to a clearer socio-economic agenda of the government that directly benefits the people. "This is evident in the all-out support that Colayco is set to extend to infrastructure and livelihood development," he added.

Roman said that the BCDA, under the leadership of Colayco, has assured the province that the "development and conversion of BTP will be a continuing and priority effort of the agency."

Colayco recently visited the area and was impressed by the vast potentials of the BTP Complex.

Roman disclosed that the BCDA has continuously initiated various infrastructure and livelihood programs set to benefit the residents of Morong and its neighboring municipalities in adherence to President Macapagal-Arroyo's call to develop economic centers which generate jobs and livelihood in the countryside.

Roman said that the President's choice has proved to be a sound decision. "We are now experiencing the benefits of Colayco's vast exposure not only in public sector management but in international business as well," he added.

The Bataan Technology Park is a 380-hectare property, which used to be the United Nations-managed Philippine Refugee Processing Center in Morong.

Plans are underway to convert the portion of the area into an Agri-Aqua Technology Park that is expected to complement Ms Macapagal's agriculture modernization program.

Roman said that a 4.22-km SBMA-BTP Backdoor Road was constructed by the BCDA to enhance the accessibility of the Techno Park to and from the seaport and airport facilities of SBMA.

Local and foreign investors have signified their interests to put up businesses in the area.

Firms urged to help new ICT graduates

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SYSTEMS Technology Institute said the government should encourage corporations to take in fresh graduates of information and communication technology (ICT) as apprentices to give them experience and fully develop their skills.

In a presentation during the Bricks & Clicks e-Business 2002 conference, STI president and CEO Chito B. Salazar blamed the continuing lack of on-the-job training and practical experience among ICT greenhorns to the bias among corporations against two-year degree graduates.

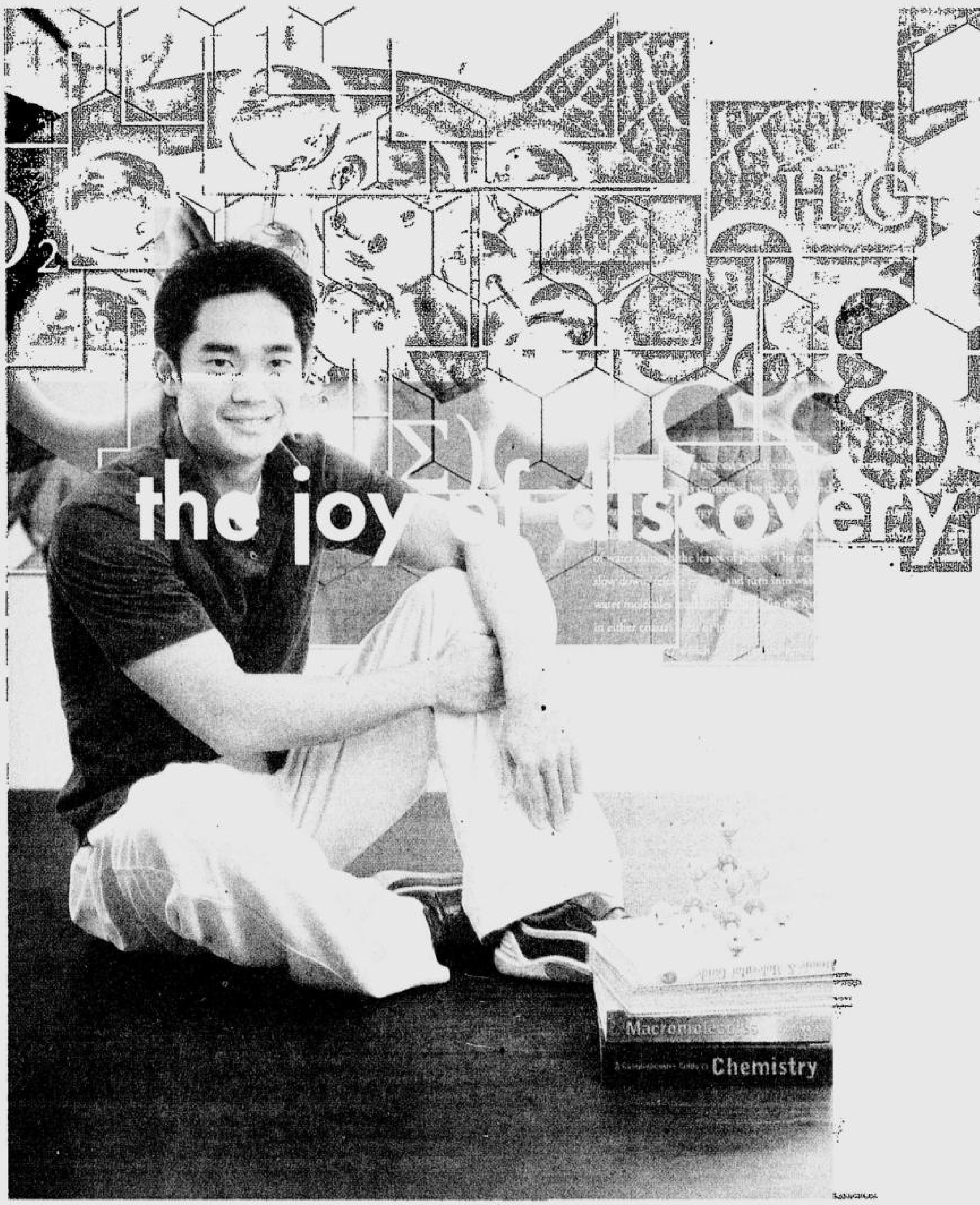
"Whenever anyone looks for a programmer, they normally require two years of work experience. Our graduates do not have that yet that's why they are called fresh. It's another chicken or egg situation," Salazar said.

Salazar said corporations should be goaded into providing ICT graduates with more on-the-job training or practicum programs because ICT schools only provide students with broad skills and that infusing the specific skills was a corporate responsibility.

Salazar said that when management graduates apply in banks, these institutions do not expect them to know specific banking skills. "In business management, we take one class in marketing, one class in production, one class in finance. But there might be specific skills in the industry or companies that the schools might not provide which could only be given by corporations," Salazar said.

He noted that the ICT graduates fail to land a job not because of their poor technical skills but because of their soft skills—their lack of maturity and communication skills.

For example, Salazar said an STI graduate from Surigao or Marbel would have a hard time applying for a job in multinational firms in Metro Manila even if he or she was well equipped. He said it was difficult to determine the technological competence of an ICT graduate if he does not understand the question or does not answer or dress properly.



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Living with a lifetime lung disease

By Tessa R. Salazar

VICTOR Lopez, who is now in his mid-50s, used to believe that life should be lived to the fullest. He had a very active social life, went scuba diving and smoked up to two packs of cigarettes a day.

"Why not smoke when everybody else in the disco does?" he would say.

He didn't believe his doctor's warnings. He didn't believe those who said that carcinogens from cigarette smoke that clung to his clothing could still be inhaled long after his last puff had dissolved into thin air.

Until one day, he could hardly breathe.

"It was like diving 150 feet under water with no air in my oxygen tank. There was no air going in and out of my lungs," he said.

Victor decided to quit smoking. Seven years later, he still hasn't puffed one cigarette. He also abandoned his poker group whose members all smoked.

Today, Victor's constant companion is a stroller that carries an oxygen tank—not for scuba diving, but to get his supply of oxygen.

Victor also takes with him his bronchodilator, Spiriva.

"I can no longer turn back the clock. I wish I had never smoked, but then again it is not only a matter of smoking but also getting clean air," he said.

Young smoker

Pam Laffin was 10 when she started smoking. She wanted to look more mature; she ended up looking older. Smoking also gave her asthma and bronchitis, but because she was addicted to nicotine, she couldn't quit. Eventually, she developed emphysema—her lungs lost their elasticity and she had to have a lung removed at 24. She had to rely on steroids since.

Enteng Domingo (not his real name), who's in his mid-50s, used to smoke two packs a day. He stopped 10 years ago but the damage to his lungs by then was already irreversible. He frequently has shortness of breath (exacerbations of emphysema) and he could not keep up while walking with people of his age and build.

The onset of his disease was gradual and insidious. It became unbearable when he turned 50. Enteng went to the Lung Center of the Philippines for help.

Pink puffers, blue bloaters

Enteng was a "pink puffer." Pink puffers have a slight build, can only walk short distances and experience shortness of breath all the time. Some need oxygen tanks constantly by their side.

In some instances a coughing spell can be so severe that the person turns blue. These people are called "blue bloaters." They cough all the time and never seem to run out of phlegm. They have a tendency to suffer from edema.

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COPD

Victor, Pam and Enteng have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COLD).

This disease is characterized by several related irreversible conditions that limit a person's ability to breathe. The two major diseases in this category are emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Experts say that since smoking is the overwhelming cause of both diseases, they often develop together and frequently require similar treatments and approaches.

Ninety percent of COPD patients have a history of heavy smoking.

Emphysema results when the walls of the air sacs break down, creating fewer but enlarged air sacs. This condition greatly reduces the surface area for the exchange of gases in the lungs. The body cannot expel sufficient amounts of carbon dioxide, nor can it receive optimal amounts of oxygen.

Chronic bronchitis is characterized by excessive mucus secretion and a productive cough. The condition lasts for at least three months a year for at least two straight years.

A research on smokers' attitudes in six Asean countries (Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) showed that smokers who constantly experienced breathlessness, morning coughing or excess phlegm tended to dismiss these symptoms as unrelated to their smoking and felt no need to consult a doctor.

Said Dr. Raul Villarete, head of the Lung Center's public health domiciliary unit: "Most smokers won't stop even when you tell them to. By the time (the disease) becomes symptomatic, that's the time they listen to you. Most of them stop when they already feel something wrong."

And by then, it would be too late.

Treatment

The most radical treatment for COPD is lung transplantation. It is widely performed in developed countries, but not yet in the Philippines.

The Lung Center had a lung transplantation program before the hospital caught fire several years ago. There were already transplant beneficiaries waiting for their surgeries.

"Now, we have to wait a few more years before we can take off again," said Villarete.

Bronchodilators and mucolytics are more conservative forms of treatment. Doctors also encourage breathing and rehabilitation exercises.

Giving up smoking is the first and most essential step in treating COPD.

Smokers who quit can slow the rate of decline of their lungs, but lost lung functions can never be regained.

Although bronchodilators provide temporary relief, they are considered the cornerstone of symptomatic management of COPD.

Spiriva is a new bronchodilator for COPD patients. Its effects can last for 24 hours, compared to older bronchodilators that last only half that time.

But like other COPD drugs, Spiriva should be taken throughout one's lifetime.

"It's somewhat jarring to hear that medications have to be taken for a lifetime, but COPD is a progressive illness and the patient needs to improve the quality of his life," said Klaus Rabe of the Department of Pulmonology of the Leiden University Medical Center.

The case of the cradle snatcher

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

ALEX and Kate remember vividly the day they became parents to a healthy baby boy. It had only been a little more than a year ago when they felt the greatest joy of witnessing the miracle of life.

But fate made a 360-degree turn. Now they are praying for a miracle that would help their son, Mark, battle the serious and potentially fatal disease known as meningitis. It is truly a dreaded cradle snatcher.

It was four in the morning when Kate woke up to the shrill cries of her son. She tried to feed him but he vomited the milk. He had become progressively irritable for the last few days and he had an intermittent fever that they attributed to the flu.

Exhausted by his crying, Mark would fall asleep only to wake up shortly, still irritable and apparently getting weaker. Then Kate noticed a bulge on the baby's fontanel *(bumbunan)*. Kate and Alex rushed their firstborn to a nearby hospital.

A doctor examined baby Mark and reviewed his symptoms. Noting the rigidity in Mark's neck and some signs in the hip and legs, his impression was the baby had meningitis.

To confirm his initial diagnosis, he performed a diagnostic procedure called spinal tap or lumbar puncture wherein a small amount of cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) was taken. The CSF was tested for the presence of bacteria and other cells, as well as certain substances that are characteristic of meningitis. The *Hemophilus influenzae* bacteria were grown from Mark's CSF after a few days.

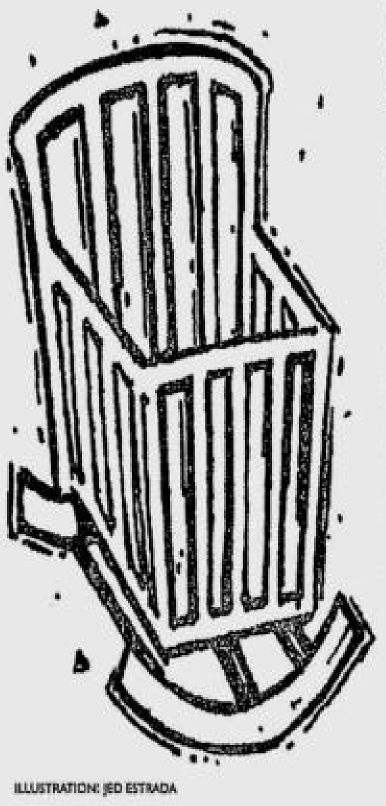
Meningitis is one of the most serious infections in babies and children. The disease involves the inflammation of the meninges, the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord.

Causes

Meningitis is usually classified by the type of organism that causes the infection. Its most common etiologic agents include viruses or bacteria. In rare cases, meningitis can be caused by organisms such as fungi and parasites or as a reaction to some medications. The infection can also develop as a complication of another illness, an injury, or brain surgery. Sometimes, however, the cause is not identified.

Bacterial meningitis commonly strikes in two ways.

Sudden onset meningitis features shock, internal bleeding, purple spots and reduced consciousness at the very outset, with a rapidly progressive course often resulting in death within 24 hours.



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More commonly, meningitis begins with several days of febrile illness with upper respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms.

Signs, symptoms

Two signs are suggestive of meningeal irritation: the inability to straighten the knee when the hip is flexed (Kernig's sign) and the involuntary flexing of the hip and knee when the neck is flexed forward (Brudzinski's sign).

Most children who have meningitis suffer from high fever, severe headache and poor feeding. They may also have muscle aches, nasal congestion, vomiting, neck stiffness and seizures. They become increasingly irritable or lethargic. The presence of petechiae (purple spots that indicate internal bleeding) may be a bad sign.

Most cases of viral and bacterial meningitis occur in the first five years of life. But no matter what the cause is, the signs and symptoms of meningitis are similar and usually develop rapidly, sometimes over just a few hours.

Babies are among the most susceptible to the disease. Meningitis is one of the leading causes of infant mortality.

It also occurs in young adults between 15 and 24, older adults and people who have long-standing health conditions.

The illness can range from mild to life threatening. The severity usually depends on the organism causing the infection and a person's age and overall health.

Transmission

Meningitis can be transmitted in various ways. The transmission can occur during delivery with the mother passing on organisms that cause meningitis to her baby even if she does not have symptoms.

The disease can also be spread through the stool. Enteroviruses and some bacteria (like *Listeria monocytogenes* and *E. coli*) can be transmitted in this manner. This is how most children acquire meningitis.

Bacterial meningitis is contagious. The bacteria, like *Hemophilus influenzae*, are spread through respiratory and throat secretions. Fortunately, the bacteria that cause meningitis are not as contagious as the bacteria that cause the common colds or the flu, and they are not spread by casual contact or by breathing the air where a person with meningitis has been.

The bacteria that cause meningitis are very common. Most of us will carry them at some stage in our lives without developing any illness. Meningitis only develops if these microorganisms enter a patient's bloodstream and penetrate the cerebrospinal fluid.

Mark's doctor assured Kate and Alex that since they diagnosed the problem and started the treatment early enough, the baby should do all right.

Treatment

Treatment for meningitis depends on the organism causing the infection, the person's age, the extent of the infection and presence of other medical conditions or complications of meningitis.

For bacterial meningitis, the patient is usually hospitalized and given large doses of antibiotics. The risk of dying from bacterial meningitis today is less than 15 percent if the appropriate antibiotic is promptly and adequately given.

Measures are also taken to reduce the pressure in the brain. Meningitis usually causes increased brain pressure, which explains why the baby's fontanel bulges. Early administration of steroids helps.

Fever should also be reduced with medications, fluids and good room ventilation. Since the baby may not be able to feed well, intravenous feeding is part of the treatment. Blood substances, such as the sugar and electrolytes (sodium and potassium), are monitored.

Some children recover from bacterial meningitis. Some have serious brain damage. Many lose their hearing. And some die.

Fortunately, people now are armed against meningitis through newly developed vaccines. It is recommended that children below 2 should be immunized with the *Hemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) vaccine to help prevent the most common type of childhood meningitis.

How family planning worked in Cagayan

By Arvin Reyes
Contributor

FOR SEVERAL years now, the province of Cagayan has been holding the distinction of having the most number of contraceptive users in the country.

In Cagayan, six in 10 married women aged 15-49 years use some form of birth control, according to the recent family planning survey conducted by the National Statistics Office. In the provincial capital, Tuguegarao City, almost eight in 10 women choose to limit their number of children.

The most common contraceptive method in the province is the intra-uterine device, followed by pills, tubal ligation and injectables. Condom and vasectomy are the least preferred—an indication of the limited participation of men in family planning.

At the family planning clinic of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center, numerous referral letters for tubal ligation and IUD insertion are stacked inside a cabinet. The letters, dating back to the 1980s, came from different parts of the province and even from neighboring Isabela and Quirino. They attest to the success of Cagayan's family planning program.

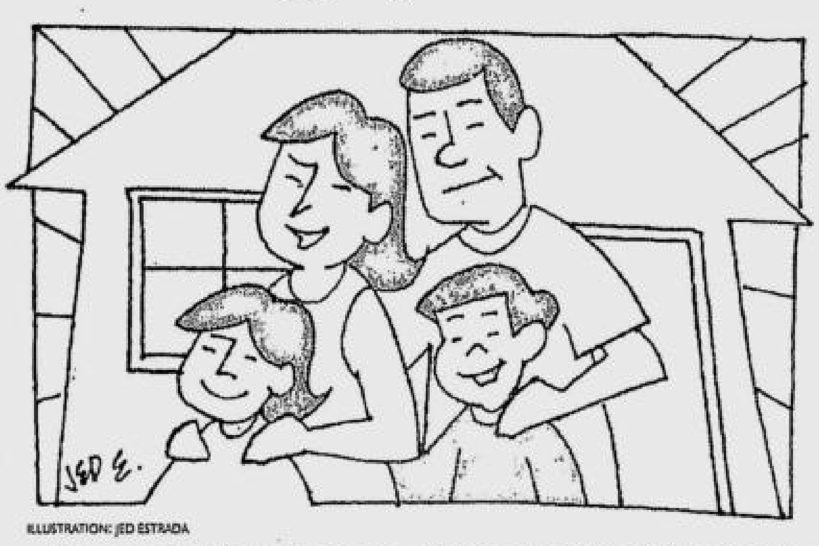
Strongest link

"We have a very good referral system. Our midwives in the field refer their clients to the regional hospital. We also ask the hospital social worker to tell patients about family planning and visit the family planning clinic," said Dr. Teresita Reyes, an obstetrician-gynecologist and head of the family planning clinic.

The strongest link in Cagayan's family planning program is the hundreds of midwives and barangay health workers who educate couples and convince those who already have several children to consider family planning.

"They are the motivators as well as providers of service," said Victoria Oliva, a family planning coordinator. "They re-supply the pill requirements of clients and follow up on those who are reluctant to continue."

Health workers make sure that there is enough supply and effective distribution of contraceptives.



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Barangay health workers organize satisfied family planning users to convince others who are currently not using contraceptives.

"When a mother goes to the health center for pre-natal check-up, we explain to her our family planning service," said Dr Eugene Dayag, Tuguegarao City health officer.

"This is done especially if the mother already has three or four children."

The different family planning methods, whether artificial or natural, are explained to potential users. Couples are told of the advantages and side effects of each method. They then choose the method they prefer.

The patient is asked to sign a letter of consent before a vasectomy or tubal ligation is performed, an IUD is inserted or an injectable is given.

Vital role

International funding agencies and non-government organizations play a vital role in the family planning program. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) gives free contraceptives (almost 80 percent of contraceptives in the Cagayan Valley region are given free). Other donors provide technical know-how such as training of doctors on tubal ligation and vasectomy procedures.

For many couples, economic hardship made family planning a necessity.

Tina, 34, a housewife in Tuguegarao City, said she is now thinking twice before having another child. Her husband is a laborer. Their first two children died at an early age. After giving birth to her youngest son, who is now 13, Tina began taking contraceptive pills. She said her husband was against it but she insisted on using a contraceptive.

"It's difficult to raise many children," she said.

Gina, 25, works as a saleslady at the city public market. She decided to use an IUD after giving birth to her second child.

"I decided to have an IUD because life is hard," she said. "My husband is only a tricycle driver."

Stumbling block

The Catholic Church's opposition to artificial family planning methods remains the biggest stumbling block in convincing more couple to limit their number of children. Health workers in Cagayan hope the introduction of natural family planning will encourage those not currently using any contraceptive to start practicing family planning.

Beyond religious opposition to contraceptives, family planning workers have a bigger worry: USAID will stop supplying free contraceptives by 2004.

"This is a big problem for us," said Madelyne Mamuri, Cagayan Valley director of the Commission on Population.

"Although there is already a trend of clients buying contraceptives themselves, the bulk of our clients are still dependent on USAID-provided contraceptives."

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(The author is a general and cosmetic dentist licensed here and in the United States. Your questions are welcome at dentalqs@yahoo.com.)

Take care of your child's crucial years

By Charles E. Buban

THE EARLIER the better. Taking necessary steps during your child's initial years could leave an impact on his behavior for life.

It is during the first three years of life that the most rapid physical, emotional and mental growth take place, according to spouses Dr. Naiphinich Kotchabhakdi, director of the Neuro-Behavioral Biology Center of Thailand's Institute of Science and Technology for Development, and Dr. Nittaya Kotchabhakdi, director of Thailand's National Institute for Child and Family Development.

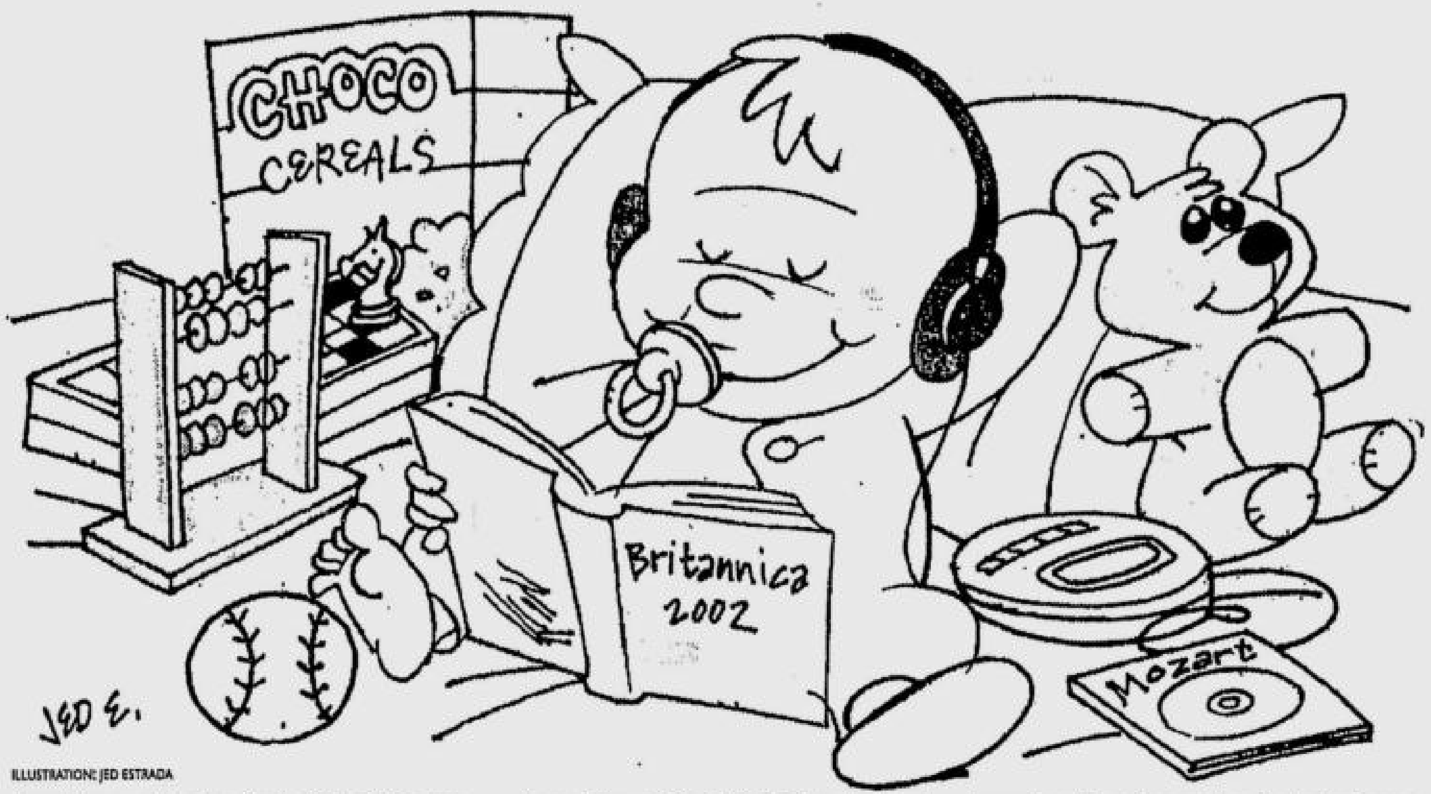
The two experts on early childhood development were in the country recently to promote the Smart System, which they helped develop for parents.

During the so-called "sensitive period," parents should develop certain skills on their child. At this time a child's mind is like a sponge, absorbing everything in their surroundings—the lullaby his parents sing, the toys they let him play with, the images or objects he gazes at, even the words he hears from his parents.

"So it's important for parents to expose their child to these various stimulation," suggested Naiphinich.

"If the parents fail to do this, it would be very difficult for them to instill these skills into their child later on," he warned.

The doctors reminisced that during a convention a few years ago, a father sought their advice regarding his 3-year-old son who would not talk to him. After a cursory examination, both doctors concluded there was nothing wrong with the child. They told him to take the child home, relax, sit the boy on his lap, make eye contact while placing his face near the boy's face, and say "Papa, Papa."



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Said Nittaya: "Before the day was over, the father went to our hotel room, thanking us for the 'miracle' advice we gave him that morning. Apparently that simple act by the father was the only thing the child was waiting for.

"You can see how powerful a simple stimulation can do to a child. Parents should remember that the first five years are the most crucial, the third year being the peak when a child quickly absorbs everything his parents give or show him," she added.

Developing a system

The couple has been working in the field of early childhood development in the last 28 years.

"In the early part of our research we were faced with so many young children who were malnourished and with intelligence and psycho-social interaction that were impeded. We realized food and nutrition alone would not solve the problem," said Nittaya.

According to Naiphinich, brain development begins prenatally and learning starts at birth. Development proceeds in predictable steps while learning occurs in recognized sequences.

. The Smart System, a series of special tools to support the optimum development of a child's brain, was developed three years ago. It is divided into three instructional components that focus on sight, sound and proper nutrition.

Classical music

The first component relates to how certain strains of classical music affect the development of a baby's brain. Children who grow up listening to and playing musical instruments relax more easily and have better attention spans.

Since the original findings were presented in 1993, the "Mozart effect" has been widely discussed in both the scientific community and the media. It is based on the observation that study participants improved their scores on spatial-temporal tests after listening to one of Mozart's piano sonatas.

"Spatial-temporal agility is an important guide to mathematical ability and aptitude. That original study has prompted further interest in research to explore the relationship between music, intelligence and learning, which is what the Smart Symphonies is all about," explained Nittaya.

Play, nutrition

The second component of the system, called Smart Play, involves age-appropriate educational toys.

According to the doctors, infants 0 to 6 months must be exposed to red, black and white patterns to stimulate their visual senses. From 6 to 18 months, other primary colored patterns and educational toys like stacking rings and soft blocks may be given. From 1 year old and above, building blocks, puzzles and push and pull toys may be introduced.

The third component is Smart Nutrition, which emphasizes the nutrients needed by children and the right stages of growth they should be given.

Said Nittaya: "Children 6 to 23 months should be given enough iron for proper brain development. This span of years is what we call 'window of vulnerability' wherein failure to give the nutrients would mean the child would grow up less physically and mentally coordinated and might develop altered behavioral responses. This is also where we coordinate with companies like Mead Johnson to include in their infant milk formulas minerals like iron, iodine and zinc, as well as docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), a primary building block of human brain and retinal tissue."

It's not easy being a parent. The challenges that have plagued parents for generations include understanding temperamentally difficult children, disciplining without breaking the child's spirit, teaching confidence and bravery in unsafe neighborhoods and dealing with economic hardship.

"These things would not be too much of a problem if parents prepare their child emotionally. By providing the child with proper stimulation, parents are instilling positive things to their child," explained Nittaya.

And the things learned by the child would be monumental.

"This is the period when parents must intervene. When you talk about intelligence and a child's probability to succeed in life, many factors are involved but instilling this (Smart) system could mean a lot. The actions of parents would have a lasting impact on their children. This is what the Smart System is all about, it takes care of the total well-being of a child," said Nittaya.

RP advances in S&T

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

WE are an agricultural country with much local research focusing in this area. However, I am pleased to learn that our government and universities are spearheading technological development in electronics, bioinformatics and materials sciences. The Philippine Council for Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development (PCASTRD) recently informed me of the following innovations:

- **Coating technologies.** Developed by Dr. Henry Ramos and his team at the National Institute of Physics at UP Diliman, these state-of-the-art technologies yield surface coatings with diamond-like hardness or gold-color finish that can be used in semiconductors, manufacturing and metals.

"The diamond film coating industry alone has a projected revenue of $40 billion a year. Manufacturing firms using cutting and similar tools spend about $300,000 a year bringing their tools to Sweden or Singapore for carbide coating. We now offer an alternative," says Dr. Ramos. These coatings can be applied to metals and other substances to make them more durable and wear-resistant.

Furthermore, because of the use of plasma, these devices do not require very high temperatures that can damage the surface of the material being coated. The "flux and energy of the ions" can also be controlled, thus ensuring a more consistent coating quality.

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- **Communication technologies.** Scientists have successfully designed optoelectronic devices made of gallium arsenade. Using a state-of-the-art approach called molecular beam epitaxy, these devices can be used in fiber-optic communication, which is projected to be six times faster than traditional copper wire-based telephone lines. These devices are also used in most modern lasers, which have lower operating current levels.

- **Bio-informatics program.** Here computers are used to determine the chemical composition of DNA (human hereditary building blocks). Last year a group of researchers from the National Sciences Research Institute at UP Diliman started developing a genetic database for Filipinos with the eventual aim of facilitating identification of mass disaster victims and other public-interest cases like crime.

- **Instrumentation.** Nuclear magnetic resonance facilities are currently available at the Ateneo de Manila University. The JEOL LA400 is the only high field spectrometer of its kind in the country. These instrumentation techniques are aids in studying carrageenan, which can help offset foreign competition in this area. They are also projected to help in other materials science technologies.

- **Space technologies.** Remote sensing techniques have been used to track environmental factors that have contributed to the spread of diseases such as malaria and schistosomiasis. Similar techniques have also been applied to determine rare-earth metal resources as well as to minimize volcanic and other natural hazards.

In today's highly wired world, PCASTRD's mission of developing local advanced technologies has become even more essential. Science Secretary Estrella Alabastro opines, "Application of advances in science and technology is the crucial factor in today's business and industry. With the optimum utilization of these, we can strengthen the global competitiveness of our products and services."

PCASTRD executive director Ida Dalmacio lists key strategies to answer this call: funding support for research and development, human resources development through graduate-level scholarships and other forms of training, support for research facilities upgrading, information acquisition and dissemination, advocacy, and institutional support for technology commercialization. Contact PCASTRD at pcastrd@dost.gov.ph or telephone 837-2071 to 82 local 2100-2109.

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"Start educating to avoid the bleeding."

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Japan to redesign yen notes to fight forgery

PICTURE shows printing samples of 10,000 (top), 5,000 (middle) and 1,000 yen (lower) notes released by Japan's Finance Ministry in Tokyo. AFP

TOKYO—Japanese money is getting a facelift.

"Mainly for security reasons, the government will issue a new series of 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yen Bank of Japan notes (worth $8.40, $42 and $84)," Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa said.

The redesigned bills, updated for the first time in 20 years, would be more difficult to forge, he told a regular news conference.

"The new bills will have an impact on the economy," he added.

Vending and automatic teller machines, for example, will have to be adapted to accept the new notes.

Shiokawa also argued the renovation would "brighten up people's sentiment."

Trade minister Takeo Hiranuma said the plan would "affect the social mood because it serves as an incentive for ink and printing industries."

But Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was skeptical about its economic benefits.

"(The plan) is to prevent counterfeits," he told reporters.

Asked to comment on a view the new notes would act as an economic stimulus, he said: "I wonder how much (effect) it will have."

Heizo Takenaka, minister for economic and fiscal policy, was also cautious.

"There are estimates that the issuance of 2,000 bills (in 2000) brought some one trillion yen in machinery orders, and we may expect an effect several times higher this time," he said.

"But this can be considered to be higher costs rather than a genuine economic benefit," Takenaka told a briefing. "We must not hope for a large impact."

The revamped currency could boost gross domestic product by more than 0.4 percentage points, said Shinko Research Co. Ltd. economist Nobuhiko Kuramochi.

Benefits would be "some two trillion yen in a very rough estimate mainly thanks to demand for ATMs and vending machines," he said.

But it differed "from an autonomous recovery" in the economy, he warned.

"This is different from the fundamental policy of boosting growth potential through structural reforms," said Kuramochi. "I think it was thought out as a desperate measure."

The announcement failed to buoy the Tokyo Stock Exchange as a whole although it boosted stock prices of firms that produce anti-counterfeit devices, vending machines and ATMs, brokers said.

Oki Electric Industry was up 27 yen or 12.7 percent to 239, Omron gained 54 yen or 3.2 percent to 1,746, while Glory gained 310 or 16.5 percent to end the day bid-only at 2,120.

The Nikkei-225 average closed down 83.85 points or 0.9 percent at 9,706.66.

The currency concept "did not spur the market as a whole," said Kazunori Jinnai, equity department chief at Daiwa Securities SMBC. *AFP*

Mitsubishi's recall to cost $50.4M

TOKYO—Troubled Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors Corp. said Friday it expected to spend $50.4 million on a recall of 676,741 Minica and Minica Toppo light cars in Japan affected by a battery problem.

"The recall will cost us six billion yen ($50.4 million)," said a Mitsubishi spokesperson.

"At this point, we do not have any immediate plan to revise our earnings forecasts as a result of this."

Mitsubishi said Thursday it would recall the Minicas and Minica Toppos because of problems with the location of the battery box, which might collect rainwater and cause battery fluid to scatter.

In addition to the recalled vehicles in Japan, about 300 units of Minica and Minica Toppo have been sold in the Caribbean region, the Mitsubishi spokesperson said.

"We will deal with the problem (in the Caribbean) in accordance with the regulations of the affected nations," he said.

Mitsubishi's image was tarnished after it confessed in August 2000 to having failed to inform authorities about at least 64,000 customer complaints over faulty vehicles since 1977, opting to repair the vehicles itself instead of issuing costly model-wide recalls. *AFP*

Universal shuts down Japan show

TOKYO—Troubled Hollywood theme park Universal Studios Japan has canceled a night-time performance in Japan, in view of an investigation into its use of fireworks in violation of a permit, a spokesperson said Friday.

The Hollywood Magic show, which features a "spectacular" nightly display of fireworks, dancers and singers, was cancelled from Thursday "because of the investigation" into the park's use of fireworks, USJ's Kazuko Kimura said.

"But about tomorrow or the day after, we have no idea," she said. "We are still investigating."

The inquiry is the latest in a string of scandals to hit the theme park in the major western Japanese city of Osaka that appears to have hit attendance.

In the current case, Universal Studios Japan used 25 more firework rockets than the 287 it had approval for, moved rocket holders and used different kinds of fireworks than had been approved, an Osaka official said.

"When they decide on their own to use fireworks of kinds and in ways that we have not inspected and approved of, without informing us, it causes a problem," said Tokuji Koroishi.

The park voluntarily reported the mismatch last week, which authorities followed up with a spot inspection on Wednesday. On Friday, the park withdrew its request for a permit in August, Koroishi said.

"We sincerely apologize to guests who were looking forward to the show," a USJ spokesperson told the Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK).

Earlier this week, health officials banned the use of 32 water cooler drinking fountains in the park after they detected excessive levels of germs. *AFP*

Japan property prices fall for 10th year

TOKYO—Land prices in Japan fell for a 10th straight year in 2001, according to government data released on Friday, spelling more bad news for ailing businesses stuck with land bought in the bubble years and now too cheap to sell.

However, Tokyo remained home to some of the costliest land on earth. The most expensive patch was in the ritzy Ginza shopping district, where a single square meter of land cost 12 million yen ($100,700) or a whopping 178,000 yen ($1,493) for a piece of turf the size of a postcard.

But the average price of land in Japan fell 6.5 percent, a larger decline than the 6.2-percent drop recorded in 2000, said the National Tax Agency, which used the data to levy taxes on property holders.

At an average price of 129,000 yen ($1,082) per square meter, Japanese land is now about a third of its peak hit in 1992 during the bubble economy when prices were inflated by the rush to buy land.

Many construction firms, developers and banks are now stuck with land priced at a fraction of peak prices and which they cannot afford to sell.

Those unrealized losses come on top of a mountain of bad debt, especially in the financial and real estate sectors, sapping the banks of the financial strength to tackle the debt problem.

The picture is not entirely bleak, with declines in Tokyo and the western city of Osaka diminishing from a year ago.

In some areas of the two cities, land prices even rose while in other cities, prices fell by over 20 percent.

The average price of land in metropolitan Tokyo was 271,000 yen per square meter, a fall of 5.2 percent from a year earlier but smaller than the 5.7 decline in 2000.

The Marunouchi business district in Tokyo, where a number of new development projects are under way, saw land prices rose by 5.3 percent. *Reuters*

Singapore banks consolidate; assets grew in 2001

SINGAPORE—Singapore's domestic bank and finance assets grew 9.6 percent to S$407 billion ($231 billion) by the end of 2001 amid continued consolidation in the industry, the Monetary Authority of Singapore said Friday.

Domestic loan growth remained weak at 3 percent, the central bank and financial regulator said in its annual report.

With the poorer business environment, commercial banks increased their investments in securities, including Singapore Government Securities, resulting in a 59-percent rise in their total holdings of securities and equities, it said.

Financial sector value-added services—banking, insurance, stock, futures and commodity broking and investment advisory activities—grew at a more moderate pace of 2.2 percent in 2001 compared with 4.6 percent the previous year.

MAS said in line with international trends, foreign and local banks continued to consolidate with five local banking groups merging into three in 2001.

The number of insurance companies fell to 144 from 151, while stock exchange member companies fell to 27 from 35.

But non-member companies of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Ltd. rose to 52 from 46.

Local banks' non-performing loans as a percentage of their total loans continued trending downwards in 2001, falling to 8 percent at the end of 2001 against 9.1 percent in 2000.

The insurance sector experienced relatively robust growth due primarily to the life insurance segment.

Single premium life insurance saw significant growth of 170 percent to S$9 billion. This was boosted by further liberalization on the use of pensions, the central bank said. *Reuters*

TRADERS in the Index Futures pit of the Singapore Exchange gesture as they trade Nikkei Index futures in Singapore. Asian stock markets were trading mostly down at midday following another day of losses on Wall Street and worries over the US economy. AP

Gloomy US factory data a worry

NEW YORK—The US manufacturing sector slowed dramatically in July and, with patchy growth in euro zone factories, added another layer of doubt about the durability of the global economic recovery.

The mounting signs of weaker growth underscored expectations that central banks on both sides of the Atlantic would keep interest rates low for longer. The Federal Reserve may indeed cut rates again if the US recovery falters.

Although most analysts do not believe the world's largest economy will slide back into recession, growth has turned sluggish after a bright start to 2002. It slowed to an anemic 1.1-percent annualized rate in the three months ended in June.

"What this does is put the Bank of England and the (European Central Bank) on watch and raises the prospect of the Fed going one way whereas they might want to be going the other way. It puts back the day of an eventual tightening," said Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics.

There was some bright news though on consumer spending, as sales of US-made automobiles jumped by more than 8 percent in July, fueled by aggressive discounting and zero interest-rate financing deals. Leading the way was a 24-percent surge for General Motors Corp.

The US Institute for Supply Management said Thursday its monthly manufacturing index fell to the lowest level in six months in July to 50.5 from 56.2 in June. That put the index barely above the 50 level, which separated expansion from contraction.

"What is disturbing is it's very close to the level that would indicate that the industrial sector, which has been the engine of the nascent recovery, is stalling. That would be very troublesome," said Jade Zelnik, chief economist at Greenwich Capital Markets.

A recovery in factory production helped lift the US economy out of last year's recession, but there were concerns that consumers could close their wallets as uncertainty over the stock market and the economy grows.

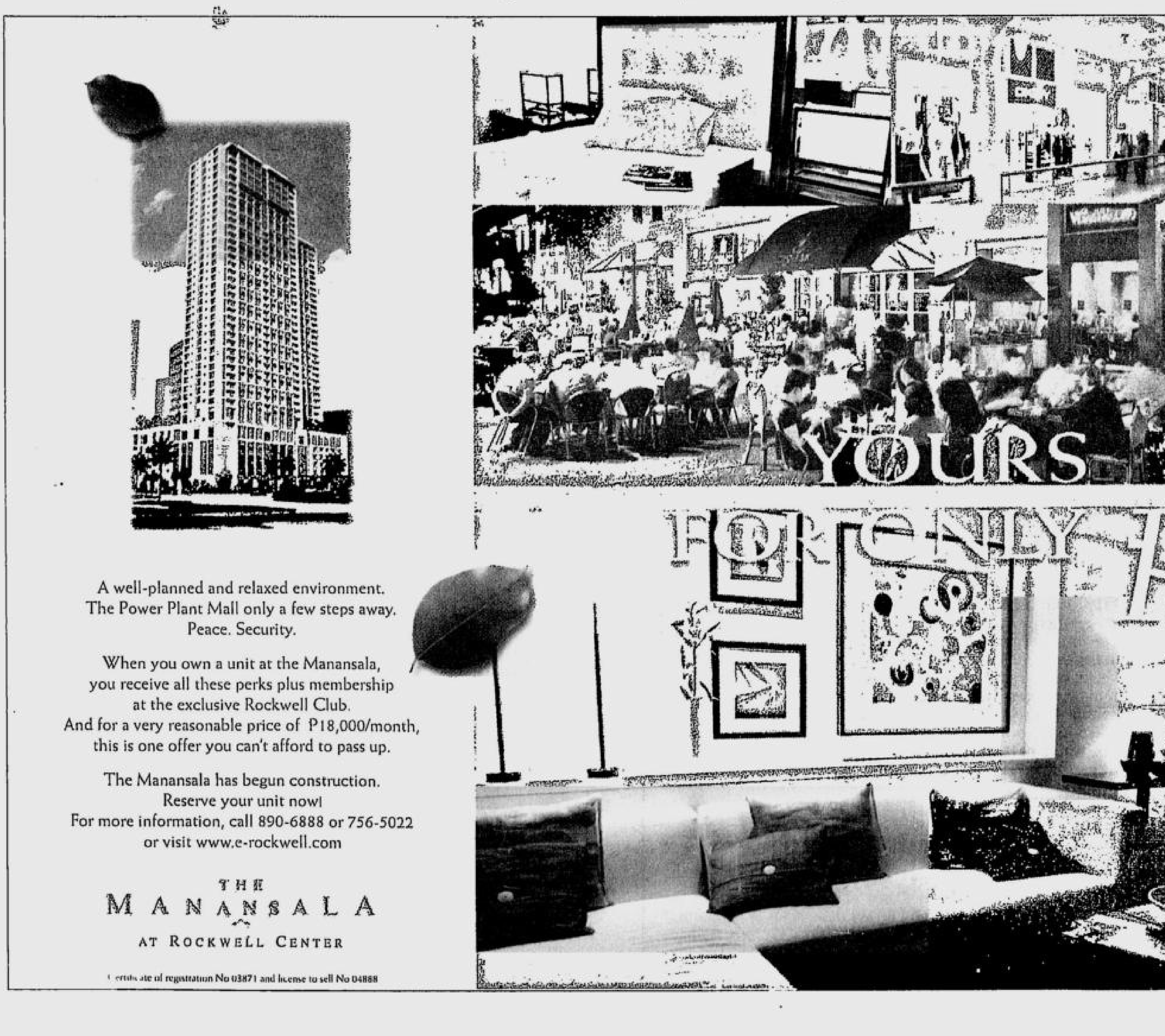
Separate figures showed spending on new construction fell for a second straight month in June.

The news bolstered sentiment in US financial markets that the Federal Reserve might consider another cut in already low official rates to restore growth to a solid footing.

US President George W. Bush met with Fed Chair Alan Greenspan for lunch on Thursday to discuss the economic outlook in what a White House spokesman said was one in a series of "periodic" meetings.

Now there is even some talk the European Central Bank may need to ease policy down the road.

Both the European Central Bank and the Bank of England kept their benchmark rates unchanged on Thursday after weighing a flurry of conflicting economic data. *Reuters*



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Experts talk more about feared 'double dip' economic recession

WASHINGTON—A string of weak US economic data along with a revised picture of last year's downturn has experts talking more about a "double dip" recession, something seen as unlikely after the growth spurt earlier this year.

Few had expected Wednesday's report showing US economic growth cooling to just 1.1 percent accompanied by downward revisions to earlier data, showing last year's recession was longer and deeper than initially reported.

Adding to the concerns was fresh data Thursday showing a key index of US manufacturing by the Institute for Supply Management tumbled to 50.5 in July from 56.2 a month earlier.

The index, in which any figure over 50 shows growth, indicates that manufacturing, which has been leading the US recovery, is expanding but at a sluggish pace.

The weak data along with the sharp revisions have a growing number of economists—some who had wondered whether the US economy had even been in recession last year—scratching their heads and rethinking their outlook.

"We have more double-dippers than in an ice cream parlor," Art Cashin, a Wall Street analyst for UBS PaineWebber, told CNBC television.

The new data showed three consecutive quarters of economic contraction in 2001, albeit mild by historical standards.

Moreover, what had been seen as a growth spurt at a 6.1-percent pace in the first quarter—much of which had been accounted for by inventory adjustments—was revised to show a more moderate 5-percent growth rate.

"The recent performance of the US economy has been cast in a very different light," said Steven Roach, Morgan Stanley chief economist and self-professed "double dipper."

"In my opinion, the new data now place the US economy right on the brink of another recessionary relapse—the dreaded double dip."

US administration officials dismissed the likelihood of a double-dip recession, saying the economy was on a solid path to growth of 3 to 3.5 percent later this year.

"Growth this year is going to be three-something, and I stick to that. I don't see any reason to revise my expectation," said Lawrence Lindsey, a top economic adviser to President George W. Bush.

Lindsey said disposable income was growing, which would underpin the recovery. *AFP*

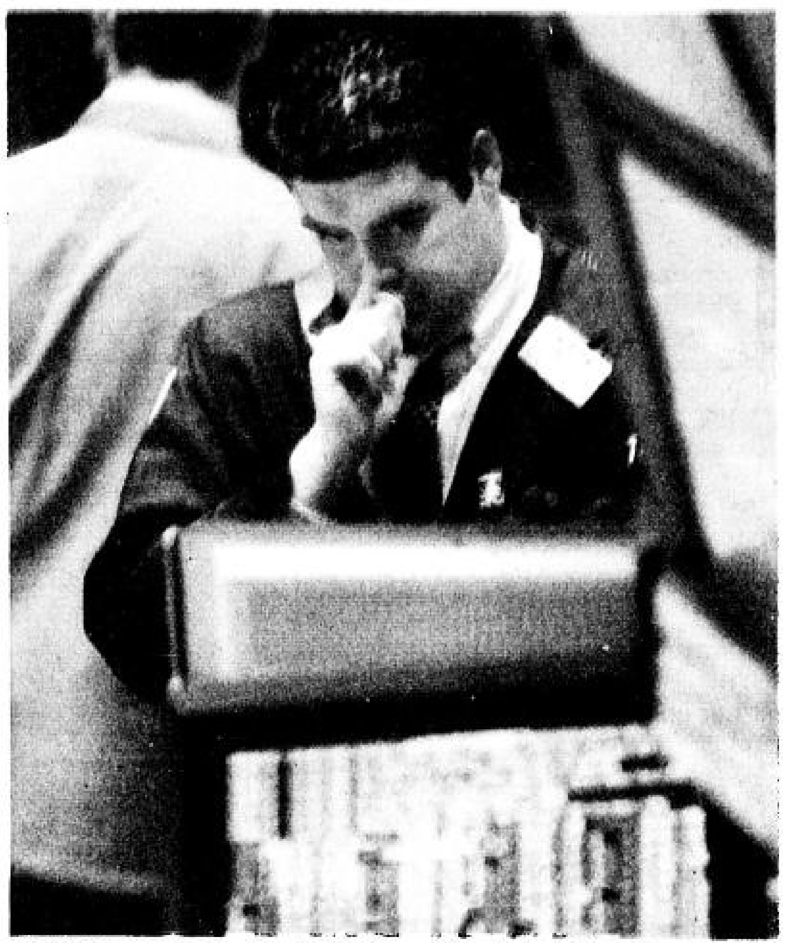
Stock markets reel, but US auto sales holding steady

DETROIT, Michigan—Unfazed by US stock market turmoil, American consumers snapped up 1.5 million new vehicles last month at a pace close to record industry levels, according to sales figures released Thursday.

Encouraged by prices that one automotive executive said were the most affordable since 1978, consumers bought new cars and trucks at a rhythm that would translate into 18 million units for the year, according to the automotive analysis group, Autodata.

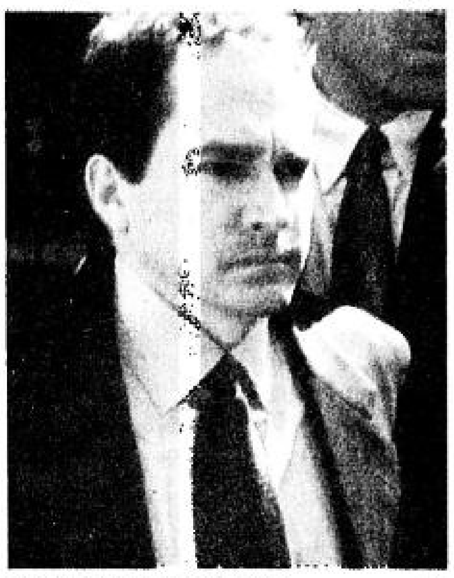
The world's No. 1 automaker, General Motors Corp., reported a 24-percent increase in sales from July 2001, while Ford Motor Co. said all its brands added sales last month for the first time this year.

Toyota's US sales arm sold over 150,000 units, a 4.6-percent increase over its best-ever July showing in 2001; American Honda was ahead 7.1 percent with more than 112,000 units sold. *AFP*



TRADER Robert McQuade works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A string of reminders that the economy is still struggling, including weaker-than-expected earnings at Exxon Mobil, pushed stock prices sharply lower on Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 200 points. AP

Spectacle of executives in handcuffs marks departure in strategy



SULLIVAN in handcuffs. AFP

WASHINGTON—Politicians have always known that the spectacle of the mighty brought low can appease an angry public. Lawyers say that is partly behind the decisions to haul wealthy executives from luxurious offices in handcuffs and accuse them of bilking ordinary investors.

It also is simpler for the public, and perhaps for jurors, to understand the prosecution of one or two people for corporate crimes, lawyers say, as the difficult case of accounting firm Arthur Andersen may prove.

The government went after Andersen as a corporation, alleging widespread and overlapping crimes by a variety of employees who did not face individual charges.

"You get a better headline by dragging somebody into custody in handcuffs than by indicting a faceless company," said Charles Rothfeld, a Washington corporate lawyer who helped defend the Andersen firm against federal obstruction of justice charges.

Two top former executives of WorldCom Inc. were accused Thursday of hiding $3.8 billion in company expenses from investors and helping push the telecommunications giant into bankruptcy.

It was the second time in two weeks that news cameras caught executives of large corporations sporting handcuffs with their tailored suits.

Both WorldCom and Adelphia Communications have filed for protection from creditors in bankruptcy court amid questions about accounting practices.

"They're starting to collect their poster boys," said Wall Street lawyer Brian Hoffmann. "With the visibility of arresting these people, they're trying to send a message to the electorate that they're strong on corporate crime" and to other executives who might be tempted to loot the till, Hoffmann said.

While there may be some tactical legal reasons to target an individual executive rather than an entire company, the displays of government force are mostly for show, lawyers say.

"The way they arrested these guys is absurd," said Charles Roistacher, a former federal prosecutor turned white-collar defense lawyer in Washington. "These guys are not desperados. They didn't shoot up a bank or a 7-Eleven."

As a prosecutor, he would not have authorized arrests like those of former WorldCom chief financial officer Scott Sullivan and former controller David Myers in New York on Thursday, Roistacher said.

Both men surely would have cooperated had prosecutors followed the usual script for white-collar cases, lawyers said. Typically, prosecutors and defense lawyers agree on a time for a big fish to surrender and be booked by a judge. The media may or may not find out.

Lawyers said the plunge in the stock market and the lengthening list of alleged corporate bandits had soured the public on Corporate America since federal prosecutors went after Arthur Andersen this spring. Andersen was accused of shredding documents and hiding evidence about Enron, another company accused of fraud. *AP*

Ex-WorldCom execs in $3.8-B fraud free on bond

WASHINGTON—Two former WorldCom Inc. executives were released on bail—$10 million and $2 million—after their arrests on charges of concealing more than $3.8 billion in company expenses.

Former chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, 40, and former controller David Myers, 44, surrendered to the FBI on Thursday in the latest blow to the now-bankrupt telecommunications company and corporate America, which has seen investors bail out of the stock market because of one accounting scandal after another.

"With each arrest, indictment and prosecution, we send this clear, unmistakable message: Corrupt corporate executives are no better than common thieves," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

Sullivan and Myers could get up to 65 years in prison if convicted on charges of securities fraud, conspiracy and filing false statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Ashcroft said. But federal guidelines call for a sentence of 10 years or less.

Sullivan was released on a $10-million bail, Myers on $2 million. Sullivan's bond was secured by a multimillion-dollar mansion under construction in Boca Raton, Fla.

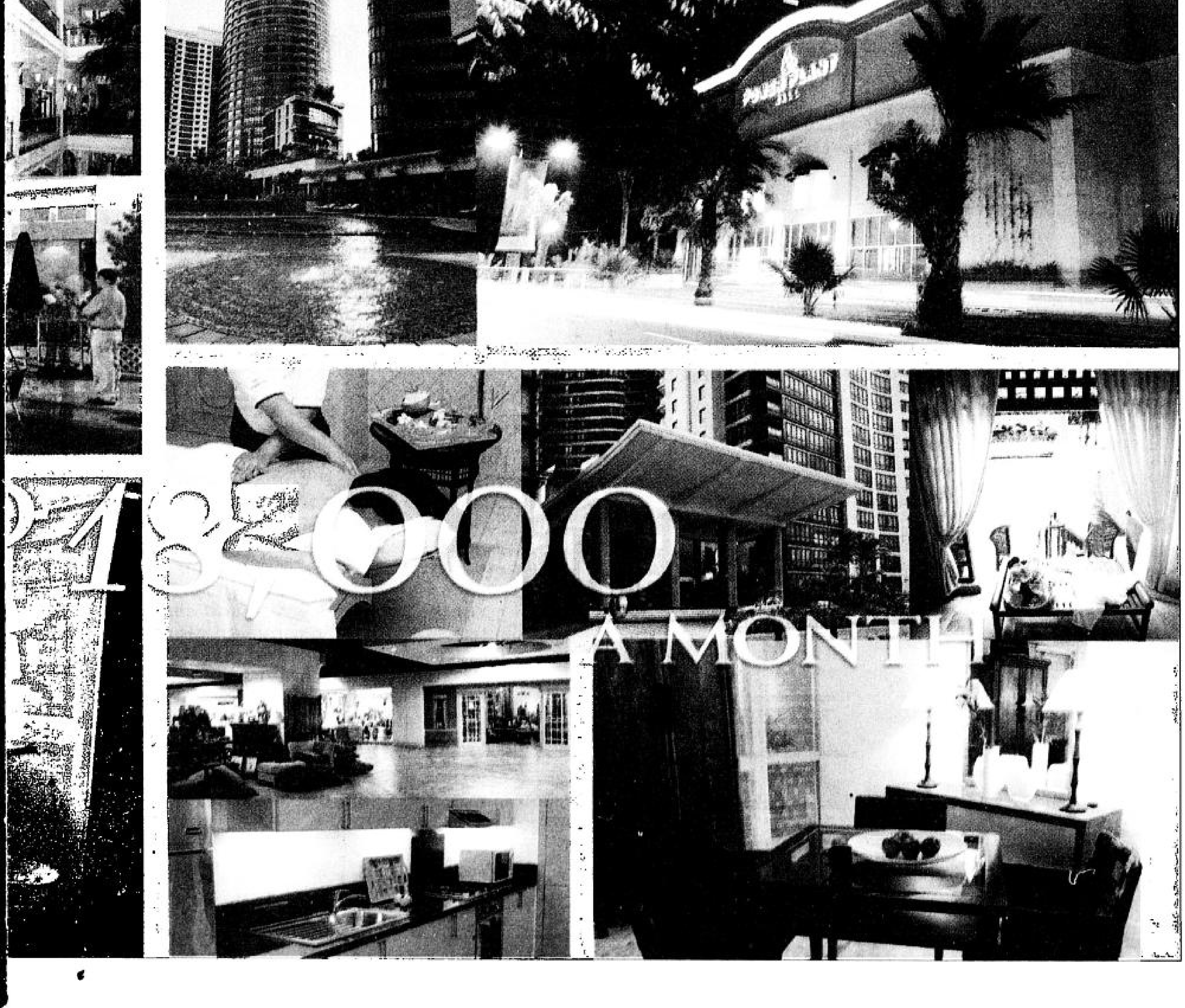
Outside court, Sullivan's lawyer, Irv Nathan, called him "an honest and honorable man," and accused the justice department of making him a scapegoat. "We deeply regret the rush to judgment and the political overtones involved," Nathan said.

Myers' lawyers said he would plead innocent if indicted.

WorldCom, which owns MCI, the nation's second largest long-distance company, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy July 21 after disclosing the accounting abuses. It was the biggest such filing in US history.

Sullivan is accused of directing Myers to falsify the company's balance sheet by about $3.8 billion. That enabled WorldCom to continue reporting profits when it was actually losing money.

As the scheme was unraveling in June, Myers told WorldCom accountants that the company "could not continue with the cost structure at the current levels and that if the cost structure did not change, the company 'might as well shut the doors,'" prosecutors said in court papers. *AP*



British Airways returns to profit on cost cuts

LONDON—British Airways said Friday that it had swung back into profit in the June quarter for the first time since the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, thanks to deep cost cuts.

BA reported a pre-tax profit of 65 million pounds ($102 million) in the three months to June against 40 million pounds in the same period of 2001.

Revenue fell 11 percent from the year-earlier period to 2.05 billion pounds.

"We are only six months into a two-year structural change program," said BA chief executive Rod Eddington.

"Despite very tough market conditions, we are delivering on cost efficiencies.

"We have always said our recovery will be cost driven and not dependant on an upturn in market conditions. That remains true."

BA chair Lord Colin Marshall added that the travel market "continues to be subject to considerable global economic and political uncertainty, and is expected to remain soft for the remainder of the year." *AFP*

HSBC first-half income seen falling

HONG KONG—The economic crisis in South America is expected to drive down first-half profit for global banking giant HSBC Holdings Plc, by 10 to 20 percent.

HSBC is tipped to announce a net profit on Monday of between $2.9 billion and $3.3 billion for the six months to June, down from $3.67 billion a year earlier.

Little growth in revenue is expected, and one of the key factors will be how much the British-based giant sets aside to cover its exposure to financial market turmoil in Brazil after it took a $1.1-billion hit on its Argentina exposure in the second half of last year.

Deutsche Bank analyst Todd Martin expects HSBC to report a net profit of $3.3 billion for the first half.

The bigger concern is Brazil, where HSBC has loan exposure of some $7 billion, with half of that relating to government debt.

Brazilian financial markets have been in turmoil during recent weeks, reflecting investor worries about the upcoming presidential elections and vulnerability to neighboring Argentina's economic crisis.

The Brazilian real currency hit a new record low against the dollar this week.

Martin said he would not be surprised if the bank were to set aside provisions of $100 million to $200 million due to the deterioration of its Brazilian loans.

Fox-Pitt Kelton banking analyst Sunil Garg forecast first-half net profit of $2.94 billion. *AFP*

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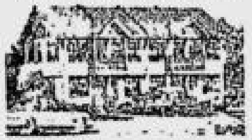

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Prequalification forms and Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the UP North S&T Park Secretariat, Director's Office, 4/F ISSI Bldg./Virata Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from **August 12** to **16, 2002**. Deadline of submission of duly accomplished prequalification documents will be on **August 30, 2002.** After the evaluation of the documents submitted, the prequalified developers shall be duly notifed of the schedule of subsequent activities. For inquries, please call Tel. No. **920-5301** to **99** loc. **4717;** or Tel. No. **920-6923, 927-9238**; Fax No. **927-1034** (c/o Ms. Ludy Cubillas); E-mail: lourdes.cubillas@up.edu.ph.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ**
Vice-President for Development

(PDI - Aug. 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

Bureau of Agricultural Research
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
E-mail: rd@bar.gov.ph website: www.bar.gov.ph
Tel. Nos. 920-0219; 928-8505 loc. 141 & 142

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) invites contractors classified and registered with the IAC on Registration and Classification of Contractor's to apply for Eligibility and to Bid for the Renovation/upgrading of UPLB-Institute of Plant Breeding R & D Facilities for Varietal Improvement (Phase I):

I. Renovation and upgrading of the UPLB-IPB Specialized Laboratory Building and Seminar Room:
    1. Renovation, repair and retrofitting of the UPLB-IPB Specialized Laboratory Building and Seminar Room; and
    2. Extension/Expansion of the IPB Specialized Laboratory Building and Construction of a Generator House

II. Renovation of the UPLB-IPB Seed Storage Facility.

Contractor Classification: Medium A with Electrical Specialty for building and with PCAB license
Cost of Bid Document: P2,500
Deadline for Submission of Letter of Intent: August 13, 2002

The proposed work to be undertaken shall include the furnishing of Labor. Materials and Equipment necessary to complete the project.

Contractors may obtain the Eligibility Statement Form and Bid Document from DA-BAR after presentation of Letter of Intent and Letter of Authority if filed by Firm's agent, together with the original of the approved renewal of PCAB License and IAC Registration and Classification and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 2,500.00.

Attention is invited to Interested Bidders on the Pre-bidding schedule to be undertaken at the BAC Conference Room located at 2nd Floor, ATI., Q.C.

1. Pre-Bid Conference .... **August 15, 2002**
2. Deadline of Submission of Accomplished Eligibility Forms .... **August 16, 2002**
3. Submission of Bids .... **August 26, 2002** (up to 2:00 p.m.)
4. Opening of Bids .... **August 26, 2002** (2:00 p.m.)

Submission, Opening, and Abstracting of Bid, Submit in two (2) envelopes with the name of the project to be bid and the name of the bidder in capital letters addressed to the BAC. For particulars, please contact: Mr. Rolando V. Labios or Mr. Angel S. Morcozo, Jr. at Tel. No. 920-0219 or 928-8505 loc. 141 & 142.

All particulars relative to the Pre-qualification, Bid Bond, Bank Statement/Deposit, Performance Bond, Bid Evaluation and award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended and other relevant laws and rules.

The Bureau reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids and waive any informality in the bid proposals received or to accept such as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the government.

Approved:

(Sgd.) **ELISEO R. PONCE**
Director

(PDI - Aug 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

INQUIRER
TRiViA
By BONG BARRAMEDA

Greasy money

Q. What's the origin of the political expression *pork barrel*?

A. There was a time when salted pork was the staple food of sailors. Cheap and readily available, it was packed in barrels that bulged with lard at the bottom. This fatty excess inspired American politicians of the 19th century to adopt the container's name in describing an appropriation made by opponents -- a cheap way of buying the voters' favor, they charged. In time the term was applied to money grants, public works, or government jobs used, without accountability, by politicians as patronage with more regard to political advantage than to the public good.

Ooops! There's no truth to the belief that you will put on muscle rather than fat if you eat more meat. Although both lean meat and muscle tissue are made of the protein, eating more protein does not automatically create larger, stronger muscles. The only really effective way to increase muscle size and strength is through exercise and the best fuel foods for that purpose are carbohydrates such as bread, potatoes, pasta and rice. Far from building bigger and better muscles, excess protein is simply converted into fat and stored in the body.

Odd Olympics. At the 1920 Antwerp Games in Belgium, Ugo Frigerio of Italy handed the conductor of the band in the middle of the field a list of selections he wanted played while he competed in the now-defunct 3,000-meter walk. The conductor complied, and Frigerio led from start to finish, pausing only once toward the end of the race to admonish the band for not playing the correct tempo. He won easily by 20 meters in a new Olympic record of 13 minutes 14.2 seconds.

WORD WATCH

Pulmon : from the Spanish *pulmon*, which, in turn, derives from the Latin *pulmonis*, 'a lung.'

PDI – Aug. 2, 2002

Republic of the Philippines
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to prequalify and bid for the selection of proponents for the short- or long-term lease of the

Univesity of the Philippines
Property at Barrio Cupang, Muntinlupa City

The University of the Philippines invites proponents to bid for the lease of its property, consisting of three (3) contiguous parcels of land with a total area of approximately 38,943 sq.m., located at No. 5 Kilometer 20, East Service Road, South Luzon Expressway, Bo. Cupang, Muntinlupa City.

The said property is suitable for commercial/industrial development because of its strategic location. Inasmuch as the site is not a part of the academic or academic support zone of any campus of the University of the Philippines System, and thus is not suitable for academic use, there are no restrictions in continuing the utilization of the property for commercial and/or industrial purposes.

Prequalification forms and Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the UP System Prequalification Bids and Awards Committee (UPS-PBAC) Secretariat, Office of the Vice-President for Development, Basement, Quezon Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from **August 12 to 16, 2002.** Deadline of submission of duly accomplished prequalification documents will be on **August 30, 2002.** After the evaluation of the documents submitted, the prequalified developers shall be duly notified of the schedule of subsequent activities. For inquiries, please call Tel. No. **920-5301** to **99** loc. **4202;** or Tel/Fax No. **928-2665** (c/o Mr. Antonio J. Bejasa); E-mail: edmundo.camello@up.edu.ph.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ**
Vice-President for Development

(PDI - Aug. 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

INTER-ISLAND GAS SERVICE INC. (IIGSI)

IIGSI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manila Gas Corporation (MGC), is inviting offers for the negotiated sale of its real estate property in Barangay Opao, Mandaue City, Cebu. The property consists of two (2) parcels of land with a total area of 11,657 sqm. The indicative price of the property is P15 Million.

The sale of the above property shall be strictly on CASH AS-IS WHERE-IS BASIS.

IIGSI reserves the right to reject any or all offers, waive any of the formalities required, or to accept only such offers at a mutually acceptable price and terms most advantageous to IIGSI, subject to the approval of the IIGSI and MGC Boards and the Privatization Council.

Interested parties may submit their sealed offers from **August 5-23, 2002** to the Bids Committee, 1536 Paz Guazon Street, Paco, Manila. All offers must be accompanied by a bond in the form of cashier's check or manager's check from a major commercial bank payable and acceptable to IIGSI in an amount equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the offer. All offers will be opened by the Bids Committee at 2:00 p.m. on August 16, 2002. The offer letter may be secured from IIGSI c/o Glen Sadian, Tel. No. 564-1781; Fax No. 563-9388.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
AFP HOUSING BOARD
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo
Quezon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Housing Board invites all legitimate property developers duly registered with the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to participate in a joint venture arrangement for the development of a 20-hectare property at Camp Riego De Dios Tanza, Cavite.

Pertinent documents and information are available at the Housing Development Division, Office of the Special Service, AFP, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Deadline for the submission of Letter of Intent is **September 6, 2002.**

The AFP Housing Board reserves the right to reject any or all offers without offering any reason, waive any required formality therein. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the proponent for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of the proposals, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ROLANDO N FLORIA**
Major General AFP
Chairman, PEAC
AFP Housing Board

(PDI - Aug 3, 6 & 12, 2002)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
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7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, City of Makati, Metro Manila
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Name of Project:

PROCUREMENT OF FURNITURE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN

1. The Bid Bulletin No. 2 for Packages 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the supply, delivery, fabrication, installation and other necessary services to complete the procurement of furniture for the Office of the Sandiganbayan, will be available at the office of Public Estates Authority (PEA) at 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City; Tel. No. 817-4711 loc. 182 starting **05 August 2002**, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. of **16 August 2002.**
2. Sealed bids shall be received and opened by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) at the above address on the following dates and time:

	DATE OF SUBMISSION	TIME	
		Deadline of Submission	Opening of Bids
Package 1:	**19 August 2002**	**12:00 NN**	**1:00 PM**
Package 2:	**21 August 2002**	**12:00 NN**	**1:00 PM**
Package 3:	**23 August 2002**	**12:00 NN**	**1:00 PM**
Package 4:	**26 August 2002**	**12:00 NN**	**1:00 PM**

(Sgd.) **JAIME R. MILLAN**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI – August 3 & 4, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
BOARD OF INVESTMENTS
Industry & Investments Building
385 Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati City
Fax No. 8954024
Tel. Nos. 8976682
8901332

NOTICE

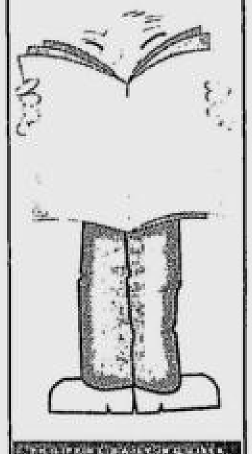
Notice is hereby given that the application of MIRABENE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CORP. with office address at Barangay Tingub, Mandaue City for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as E.O. 226, as amended, as New Domestic Producer of Furniture Made of Wood, Wrought Iron, Stone, etc. or in Combination Thereof at a capacity of 15,649 Pieces Per Year with plant site at Barangay Tingub, Mandaue City has been officially accepted on July 24, 2002 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection, in writing under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

Issued this 24th day of July 2002.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO C. CHAVEZ
Director
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

(PDI – August 3, 2002)



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
PROCUREMENT SERVICE SYSTEM
INTER-AGENCY BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY, SHORT LISTING AND TO BID FOR THE GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (G-EPS) PROJECT

The Department of Budget and Management - Procurement Service ("DBM-PS") is conducting a public bidding of the Government Electronic Procurement System ("G-EPS") Project, to select a single Service Provider and technical partner for a period of five (5) years to:

- provide an Internet-based G-EPS service to replace the existing Pilot EPS;
- roll out the required additional functionalities in manageable stages;
- supply related implementation and operational services; and
- provide technical planning and implementation services for other related applications.

This is the second invitation to interested parties to apply for Eligibility, Short Listing and to Bid for the G-EPS Project, which carries a modification of the Eligibility and Short Listing requirements. The Requirements for Eligibility and Short Listing for the Public Bidding of the G-EPS Project may be secured from:

THE SECRETARIAT
Inter-Agency Bids and Awards Committee ("IABAC")
Department of Budget and Management - Procurement Service
PS Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Madrigal Compound, RR Road, Cristobal Street
Paco, Manila
Philippines
Telefax No: (632) 563-9350
Contact Person: Ms. Rita P. De Castro
Head, IABAC Secretariat
Website: www.procurementservice.org

The said requirements shall be available at the above address during regular office hours, as well as at the above-indicated website, until **AUGUST 14, 2002 (Wednesday), 5:00 p.m.**

All responses to the Eligibility and Short Listing requirements must be submitted on or before **AUGUST 15, 2002 (Thursday), at 10:00 a.m.** to the CHAIRMAN of the IABAC, at the above-mentioned address. Only parties who pass the Eligibility Check and are Short Listed shall participate in the actual public bidding for the G-EPS Project. Short Listed Prospective Proponents shall be notified accordingly, and they may purchase the Request for Proposals for the G-EPS Project upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php 25,000.00).

For Short Listed Prospective Proponents, the Pre-Bid Conference is on **SEPTEMBER 5, 2002 (Thursday), at 10:00 A.M.**, and the deadline for the submission and receipt of proposals shall be on **OCTOBER 14, 2002 (Monday), at 10:00 a.m.**, both at the above-mentioned address.

The Approved Budget for the Project is Two Hundred Fifty Million Philippine Pesos (Php 250,000,000), which shall be sourced from the funds of DBM-PS.

DBM-PS reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the Eligibility and Short Listing requirements and to this invitation. DBM-PS further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **EDUARDO P. OPIDA**
Chairman, IABAC

(PDI--July 26 & August 3, 2002)

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002

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LUIS CO CHI KIAT

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 31, 2002
at the age of 86.

His bereaved wife **Luisa**;
children **Andy** (†) & **Helen**, **William** & **Bethy Syhau**,
William & **Belen Wong**, **Luis Jr.** & **Tessie**, **Lucio** & **Susan**,
Lino (†) & **Melinda**, **Alex** & **Benita Chua**, **Lorenzo** & **Fe**;
grandchildren **Jennifer**, **Edgar**, **Sherwin**, **Sheryll**, **Cinderella** & **Patrick**,
Hudson, **Joyce**, **Mark**, **Aimee**, **Aline**, **Neil**, **Vincent**,
Pamela, **Camille**, **Katrina**, **Beverly**, **Charmaine**, **Nikki**, **Robin**,
Edward (†), **Benedick**, **Kenneth**, **Share**, **Michelle**, **Lino Jr.**, **Gemalin**;
great grandchild **Chris Daniel**;
sister, in-laws, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends
request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel 1, La Funeraria Paz,
Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

BONIFACIO HUBILLA GILLEGO

June 5, 1921 – August 1, 2002

Former Congressman, 2nd District of Sorsogon
1987 – 1998

His bereaved wife **Dolores**; children **Horace** & **Tiks**, **Drs. Virgilio** & **Zeny**, **Dr. Sappho** & **Dan Ong**, **Suzette** & **Boy Evangelista**, **Portia** & **Lito Macatangay**, **Sheila** & **Hector Logroño**, **Dr. Cynthia** & **Greg Jordan**; grandchildren **Bopet** & **Cori**, **Bogie**, **Paolo**, **Ryan**, **Alyssa**, **Trish** & **Brett**, **Karl**, **Omar**, **Katrina**, **Ariel**, **Kim**, **Christopher**, **Boyet**, **Leya**, **Loren**, **Camille**, **Kristine**, **Ysabel**, **Adriana** and **Maegan**; great grandchild **Avery**; sisters and brothers **Celerina** (†) & **Pantaleon** (†), **Leonisa** & **Ramon**, **Visitacion** & **Santiago**, **Jaime** & **Belen**, **Ester** & **Villamin** (†), **Joy** & **Daya** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

ALBERTO MORENO VILLAFRANCA

of Daet, Camarines Norte and Makati City

Peacefully joins his Creator on July 31, 2002,
and rejoined his beloved wife
Helen Manlulu Villafranca.

His loving children **Lizette**, **Primo** and **Grace**, **Anton** and **Joan**, **Maricar** and **Bong**, **Beatrize**, **Katrina**, and **Carlos**; grandchildren, sisters, brother, in-laws, relatives and friends request the pious readers to offer prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains now lie in state at the Capilla de San Francisco, Santuario de San Antonio, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be on Sunday, August 4, 2002 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Capilla de San Francisco.

We, the family
of the late

DOREEN GAMBOA FERNANDEZ

would like to express our heartfelt thanks
for the invaluable support, love
and compassion shown us
at the time of her passing.

It was a great comfort to us,
and we are deeply grateful.

"Your presence will be deeply missed but the memories of your goodness and love will live with us and remain in our hearts forever, TATAY."

AMANDO S. SANTIAGO

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on July 29, 2002 at the age of 69.

His loving wife MILAGROS; children MINERVA and ARNOLD, MARITA, MADONNA and MILANDO; grandchildren MIGGY and MARIELLA; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

He will be laid to rest at Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, Baesa, Kalookan City on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Morning Breeze Subdivision, Kalookan City.

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"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
Matthew 10:39

Safeguard presents Museum of the Mind

SAFEGUARD, the soap that gives you longer-lasting superior skin germ protection, presents a mind-boggling mind trip called the Museum of the Mind and Body (MOM) at the Festival Mall in Alabang. The Museum of the Mind and Body, which opened July 15, is a world-class light and sound multimedia-cum-interactive museum that showcases the most complex machine ever, the human brain and its home, the body.

A unique experience awaits one and all at this "braintastic" exhibit, including sections that deal with how the brain controls the body, how it creates ideas, produces language, solves problems, stores memories, and does the million and one other things we take for granted.

The exhibit highlights the "Development of the Mind," its growth spurt from 0 to 7 years, how it grows through the years, and what we can do to help it grow more.

It also focuses on "Different Kinds of Minds," like the creative, chocoholic, comic, plugged-in, and scientific minds. The creative mind exhibits masters' minds like those of Leonardo Da Vinci and Michaelangelo, and how we can create something out of nothing. The chocoholic mind is presented as the sweetest experience ever: the comic mind can show us how to get wacky. The scientific mind puts us in discovery, exploration, and experimentation modes, and the plugged-in mind gets us wired to take a techno-geek peek @ the high-tech mind of the future.

MOM also shows us how to take care of our minds, featuring "Food for Thought," the right kinds of nutrients the mind needs to stay healthy, and the "World of Wellness," a stress-free city of relaxation, shopping, entertainment, and sweet escapes.

"Discoveries of Big and Little Minds" shows us what minds like Bill Gates and Virginia Mae did to make our world what it is today. Along with them, see to appreciate the work of today's children and how the special work that only children can do can change the world for the better.

Find out who was responsible for introducing the breakthrough antibiotic Erythromycin, the karaoke, and other wonderful inventions to the world. "Great Pinoy Minds" zooms in on what young Filipino achievers have contributed to the whole world and make us stand tall in pride of their achievements.

Of special interest to mind trippers will be a journey called "The Dream Machine," entering into a world of dreams, knowing what they mean, and making your dreams come true. "Memories in My Mind" takes us down proverbial memory lane to relive past memories with the sights, sounds and scents, closest to our hearts, those we will never forget.

Also at MOM: absorbing interactive games, exciting hands-on activities enlightening lectures, and the challenge of contests with prizes.

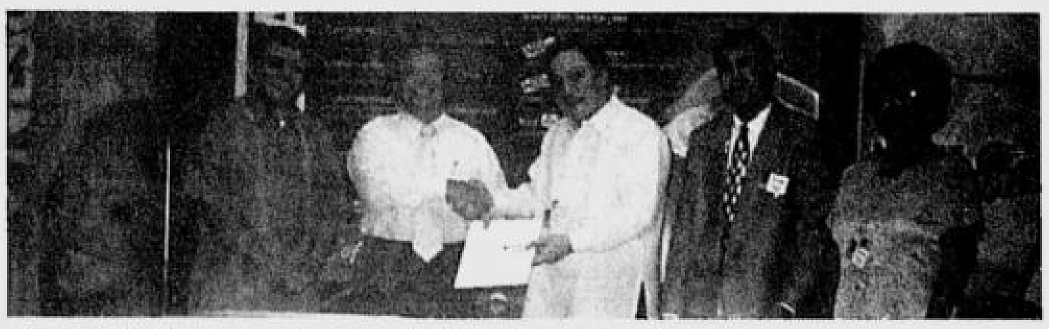
Museum of the Mind is a highly educational yet fun total experience certain to benefit brains of all ages. Open for a limited engagement, MOM is managed by Marylindbert International and is also co-presented by Magnolia Fun Chum. The event is also supported by Pharmaton, Bisolvon, Kiddi Pharmaton, Gardenia, Eight O'Clock, Wilkins, Nestea, National Bookstore, Hallmark, Bic Ballpen and Biopens, Powerbooks, Burlington, Quaker Oats, Petron, Citibank, EdsaMail, Chicco Toys, Wrigley's, Don Henrico's, Bambini, Molecules and Particles, San Pablo Sining Laya, Wyeth, Sarao Motors, Japan Airlines, WG&A, McGraphics Carranz..

MOM will benefit the Children of the World Foundation, which has so far put some 200 children through the school since its inception in 1983.

For reservations and group tours, call 899-1645, 899-1943/4, 899-5053 to 55, or fax 897-5052.

NCWP'S 56TH ANNIVERSARY

The National Council of Women of the Philippines (NCWP), the umbrella of women organizations of the country, concluded its 56th year of service June 26 at the CB Hall of the Philippine Women's University in Manila. With the theme 'Unifying Women Towards Globalization', the activity was highlighted by the Conference of NCWP council leaders in the morning and the launching of NCWP's joint project with the Department of Interior and Local Government the creation of the Local Councils of Women (LCW) and Tribute to Tita Helen at 88. 53 NCWP leaders nationwide attended the morning conference. Shown at the front, from left, are NCWP commissioner Myrna T. Yao, Dr. Helena Z. Benitez, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, and Dr. Amelou B. Reyes. At the back are lawyer Susan delos Reyes, Rosario R. Villar (partly hidden), lawyer Amy L. Wong, and Teresita Arrieta Lim.



FCAP, NESTLE SIGN SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

The Food Caterers Association of the Philippines and Nestle Philippines sign the sponsorship agreement for 'Taste of Manila at the World's Food and Trade Show 2002' ongoing at the World Trade Center until Aug. 4. Signing for Nestle are Jose I. Bolima, Manuel T. Parroco, and for FCAP chair Daniel C. Jacinto (Swan Catering), FCAP president Steve Tamayo (Tamayo's Catering) and Belen Marciano (BBM Catering).

URC SPONSORS 2ND EGG SHOW

Universal Robina Corp-Robina Farms and Robichem are once more sponsoring the upcoming 2nd Philippine Egg Show of the National Federation of Egg Producers of the Philippines (NFEPP). Slated for Sept. 20 to 22 at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City, the Egg Show has become one of the most successful and well-attended events of 2001. Shown signing the MOA are Dr. Dane J. Palabrica, URC layer business unit general manager, and Gregorio San Diego Jr., NFEPP chair. Witnessing the event are NFEPP officers (seated, from left) Ellen Lantin, auditor, Irene Ambal, director, Brenda Dimayuga, vice chair, and Lumen Adriano, URC-Robina Farms group product manager. Standing, from left, are Filbert Alquiroz, assistant treasurer, Willy Uy, director, Arthur Baron, secretary, Edwin Chen, treasurer, and Max Fabricante, director. For more information on the Philippine Egg Show, call 436-4711 or 12, 929-7963 or 93, or e-mail info@PEPGroup.com.

Economist-banker is new president of Zonta Metro Pasig

ROSALINA de la Paz-Magat, a Harvard-educated economist-banker, has been elected president of the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Pasig for 2002-2004. De la Paz-Magat, a senior vice president for strategic planning and research at the Development Bank of the Philippines, has a distinguished record as scholar and expert in strategic planning with extensive experience in the fields of economic research, project management, treasury, ODA, cooperatives, microfinance, women's enterprises and corporate communications. She previously worked with the Philippine Veterans Bank, Land Bank of the Philippines, National Development Company, Central Bank of the Philippines and Board of Investments.

De la Paz-Magat, a consistent honor student since the elementary grades, graduated from the UP School of Economics in 1972 with the degree of BA Economics, Magna Cum Laude and Class Valedictorian and recipient of three Dean's Gold Medal of Excellence and the UP President's Pin. She also holds the degree of Master of Business Administration, With Distinction and Top Ten UPMBA Graduate (1979) at the UP Graduate School of Business. In 1998, she graduated with the degree of Master in Public Administration at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government where she was an Edward Mason Fellow and Neda-USAid scholar.

Her leadership is also well recognized, having been president of various organizations such as the Corporate Planning Society of the Philippines (CPSP); UP MBA Alumni Society (first and only woman president); First International Women's Conference on Cooperative Management; Rizal High School Alumni Association; Shalom Club, Makati Chapter; and Rotary Club of Mutya ng Pasig. She is also vice president of the UP Sigma Alpha Sorority Alumni Association and an active member of the American Field Service Scholars Alumni Association, Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines, Public Relations Society of the Philippines and director/PRO of the Harvard KSG Alumni Foundation. She has won various awards such as the UP Sigma Alpha Plaque of Academic Excellence, Pasig Minerva Association Trophy of the Flame of Knowledge, Outstanding Economist, Outstanding Rizal High School Alumnus, Outstanding Pasigueña and Outstanding Rotary Club president. She is the chair of the Rizal High School Centennial executive committee organizing the various activities for RHS' 100 Years Anniversary this October. De la Paz-Magat has distinguished herself as an economist practitioner who has applied her knowledge and experience in community service, particularly in setting up projects to help poor women and other disadvantaged sectors of the society.

Caltex Delo 4x4 Cebu leg aired

THE 3RD round of the Caltex Delo 4x4 Xtreme Challenge held last week in Cebu City takes center stage on "Auto Review" today, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on NBN 4. The off-road feature is in keeping with the show's tradition of sharing with the viewers some of the most exciting motorsports and motor adventure events such as the Australian Safari, the Australian and Malaysian Formula 1 Grands Prix, the Honda Media Challenge, the Ford Mt. Pinatubo Conquests, last year's Rainforest Challenge of Malaysia and the recent Isuzu Bicol Express. "Auto Review" also features a test drive of the Nissan Patrol, the launch of the new Suzuki Jimny 4x4 and the 5th anniversary program of Isuzu Philippines on its Cruising Around with Isuzu portion. Ron de los Reyes hosts the show, which also includes the Caltex Auto News Update and Honda Auto Calendar.

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Cayetano to keynote museum gala

LAWYER-SENATOR Rene Cayetano, chair of the Senate Committees on Education, Arts, and Culture gives more flavor to the gala opening of the educational Museum of the Mind and Body Gala opening by keynoting the affair today at the Main Atrium of the Filinvest Supermall, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Joining Cayetano during the opening are Jonnip Cua, president of Procter & Gamble Philippines and local government officials led by Muntinlupa Mayor Jaime Fresnedi. The Museum of the Mind and Body is a world-class light and sound multimedia-cum-interactive museum that showcases the most complex machines ever, the human brain, and the body. The Museum of the Mind and Body is presented by Safeguard.

Alabang rotary induction

THE ALABANG Rotary club will be having its club induction tonight at the New Insular Life Auditorium Towers in Filinvest, Muntinlupa. To be inducted as the 18th club president is Pollie delos Santos. The present directors will also be inducted by governor Romy Cruz (District 3830). Former President Fidel V. Ramos, who is also a Rotarian and an Alabang resident, will be the guest speaker for the affair. Alabang Rotary Club recently received six district awards for its various community projects, especially in the field of providing deep wells in public schools in Muntinlupa.

Weds events at the Mega

A 2-DAY wedding exhibit featuring the top wedding suppliers will be held today and tomorrow at the Megatrade Hall 3, Building B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Experience hourly raffles, ambush giveaways, get wedding tips from experts, win Tagaytay and Boracay getaways, and avail yourselves of special discounts for on-the-day bookings. Exhibitors include wedding designers, souvenir makers, cake artists, videographers and photographers. Also on exhibit are honeymoon destinations, wedding venues, musicians and wedding planners. The event is sponsored by VS&F Catering, Avon, Camerasound, The Wedding Library and kasal.com. It is organized by Visions & Ideas (942-0859).

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WNCAA-ADIDAS 33RD SEASON OPENS

The WNCAA-Adidas 33rd Season opens today at the PSC-Philsports Arena (formerly Ultra), Pasig City. The Women's National Collegiate Athletic Association (WNCAA) Season will be participated in by 15 schools across elementary, high school and college levels nationwide, which will compete in 13 sports such as basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, taekwondo, swimming, table tennis, tennis, badminton, chess, athletics, and exhibition sports such as wall climbing, futsal (indoor football) and billiards. Adidas sponsored the league as the Gold Medal sponsor and will support the academe and students' sports programs. The MOA signing was attended by officials of WNCAA and Adidas. Shown seated from right are Vivian Manila (WNCAA president), Angelica Suiza (Adidas marketing director), and Odette Velarde of Adidas. Standing from left are Angie Dela Cruz of St. Benedict College, Goody Custodio of Adidas, and Donny Sayre of Assumption Pampanga. The WNCAA-Adidas 33rd season runs from August 2002 to March 2003. The official marketing group is Tactical Xperts Corp.

DLSU professor on consumer education

"EDUCATING the Consumers: Truth and Consequence" will be the topic at the breakfast forum of the alumni of Mapa High School (Class '51) today, Aug. 3 at 8 a.m. at McDonald's Greenhills, San Juan. The speaker will be DLSU-Manila marketing professor Renato S. Esguerra, who will talk on the rights of the consumers and briefly trace the history of the consumer movement (Consumerism) from the 18th century to the present. Esguerra, former president of the Philippine Marketing Association, is the PMA chair of the Certified Professional Marketer (Asia-Pacific) career development program of the Asia Pacific Marketing Federation headquartered in Singapore.

Economists see July inflation at 2.94%

ECONOMISTS expect the rate of inflation for July to have remained subdued given low oil prices and a relatively stable currency.

The annual inflation rate in July should come in at around 2.94 percent against 3 percent in June, a Reuters poll of 10 economists forecast. June's rate was the lowest in more than two years.

"We're still seeing the positive effect of moderation in oil prices and the general improvement in the local currency compared with where it was last year helping to control costs," Lehman Brothers economist Graham Parry in Tokyo said.

"At the same time, there are no significant demand pressures, given the economy is still operating at a moderate pace," he said.

The inflation data is due to be released on Monday.

Economists said the high base last year was also likely to keep the annual rise in consumer prices tame.

"Inflation in July last year was 6.8 percent, one of the highest in the year," said Jojo Gonzales, research head at Philippine Equity Partners Inc.

"Our forecast 2.9 percent in July would mean about 0.4-percent inflation month-on-month, which is nothing spectacular, just reasonable."

Economic Planning Secretary Dante Canlas said he expected the July inflation rate to come in between 2.8 percent and 3 percent due to relatively stable food prices.

While inflation is expected to be benign for the rest of the year, slight increases are expected toward the fourth quarter with economic activity likely to pick up.

"In the second half of the year, we have inflation eventually nudging up back toward 4 percent by the end of the year. Still, that's a fairly good performance," Lehman's Parry said.

"Inflation expectation has been ground down in the Philippines. It's not the high inflation country it once was. Generally in Asia, this is a trend we see of lower-than-expected inflation in the last couple of years."

The government is looking at an average inflation target of 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent for 2002.

Economists said the onset of a prolonged dry spell expected later this year with the onset of the El Niño weather pattern will be a major pressure on prices.

"Much would depend on the impact of El Niño and what it does to food supply. However, we think the impact will be mild. We're still waiting to see how it turns out. So far, we're keeping our forecast of 3.2 percent inflation rate for the year," said G.K. Goh Securities Song Seng Wung in Singapore.

Following are the results of the survey: Lehman Brothers, 2.9; Philippine Equity Partners, 2.9; AB Capital, 3.1; G.K. Goh Securities, 2.6; PCI Securities, 3.4; BPI Securities, 3; RCBC, 3.2; Forecastweb, 2.8; International Financing Review, 3; MMS/S&P, 2.5 percent.

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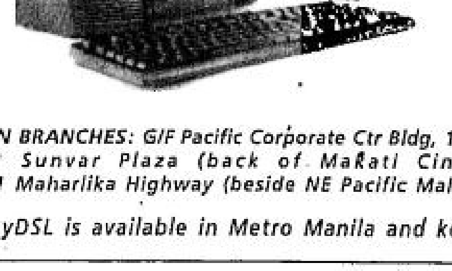

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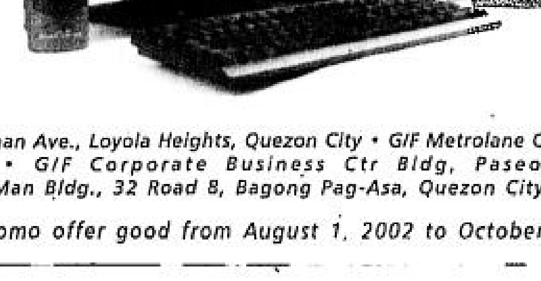

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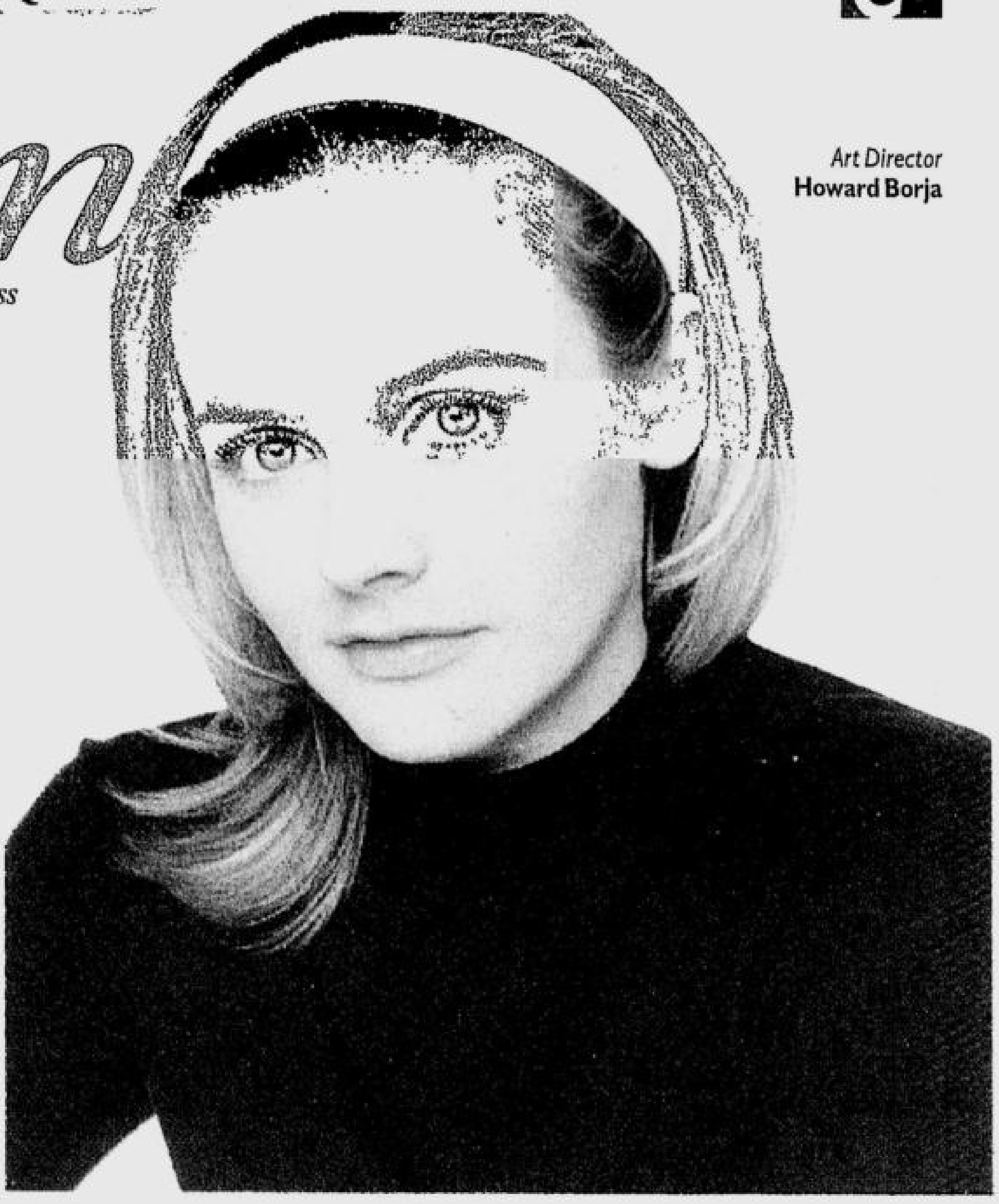

Miss America

By Bea Valdes
Contibutor

THROUGH the looking glass, and brightly, is how Alicia Silverstone stepped into the pop culture landscape. The Domino effect began with a pizza commercial, which led to a bit part in "The Wonder Years," playing Fred Savage's dream girl. Then, in "The Crush" she was the epitome of every male teacher's nightmare. In this post-pubescent version of "Fatal Attraction," Alicia's portrayal of Darrien Forrester won for her the 1994 MTV Awards' Best Villain and Breakthrough Performance trophies.

Next came the trilogy of Aerosmith videos ("Crazy," "Cryin'," and "Amazing"), where the self-confessed tomboy took us on a spin of spunk and melancholy. Just when her Doc Martens seemed the nemesis of clammy sophistication and guerilla glamour, she was cast as the lead in "Clueless." As the label-clad Cher Horowitz, a spiky, updated "Emma," she is remembered as the *fashionista* with the most progressive pout. As Cher, she was probably the most famous teenager on the planet, truly "emblematic" of the times. The movie prompted every five- to twenty five-year-old to mimic her flippant, "As, if!" That bubblegum style was four years ahead of the knee-sock clad, corridor-strutting Britney Spears video. From working with Kenneth Branagh to becoming Batgirl, the characters Silverstone has portrayed seem a mix of the flighty and the resolute, but always girls on the verge. They are tough without a sharp edge, sweet but not cloying and, like the real Alicia, recognized for their pluck.

"Excess Baggage," where she starred with Benicio del Torro, received the hallowed "two thumbs up" from Siskel & Ebert. This was the initial offering of her own production company called First Kiss.

Animal lover

And it's about another Kiss that draws us closer to Alicia's heart. Actions speak louder than words, and this pop culture princess is kissing a frog! Literally. Starring in a public announcement for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, she once planted a wet one on a lucky amphibian. The advert was geared towards boycotting dissection, and educating the public on what she referred to as: "More humane alternatives, such as computer programs like Digital Frog, where students can dissect a virtual frog without having to handle a dead creature." In the same spirit, for the shoot, PETA did not "employ" a real frog, but a rubber one. It seemed fitting that the second most-famous Cher, is guaranteeing employment for rubber stunt frogs around the world.

Close to her center of gravity is a deep love for animals. She is very vocal about their rights, and is an advocate against animal testing. She stresses that many products shun animal testing, and she constantly urges the public to patronize these products instead. This sincere, wholehearted attitude stems from her mother who has always done work with rescue organizations and shelters. She relates her own experiences—instances of spontaneous abandon—"running across highways to save stranded dogs."

At the moment, she has rescued and adopted "several dogs—and they are all cute and adorable and so much fun!"

A couple of dogs actually mean a canine family of five. The most famous of these is Samson, a Rotweiller-Doberman hybrid. She also has other breeds. Indeed, true love knows no pedigree. She believes that this outlook has taught her to be more aware of those around her and how to treat them properly. Her focus is supported by daily research, which enables her to "stay as current as possible." She says, "There is just so much information available!" She goes on to encourage people to find out about "compassion for animals," and even names her two favorite websites: www.peta-online.org, and www.pcrm.org.

Vegan

To further this principle, she adopted a vegan lifestyle four years ago. She explains that vegetarians don't eat meat or any kind of animal. "Vegans are vegetarians who do not use any product derived from an animal, even leather or fur." Since then, she says, "My experience has been amazing! I have much more energy than before. Physically, I feel I'm in the best shape of my life. I can eat as much as I want and not worry about my weight."

As for "cheat" days, when one splurges on forbidden food, she says with a flourish that this comes from feeling deprived. Which should not be the case, she points out. "There are vegan recipes for virtually everything—from chocolate cakes to peanut butter cookies, to barbecue Seitan, which is made from wheat."

Unlike other actresses strapped on to turbo regimens, this girl's life does not revolve around a religion of exercise. She says running around with her dogs keeps her fit. She does admit to loving yoga, and pampering herself with massages, whenever her schedule allows.

She is starring in Broadway's "The Graduate," with Kathleen Turner and Jason Biggs. "We do eight shows a week, and that's definitely a workout in itself," she says.

For someone whose career was launched into the stratosphere by playing a high-maintenance *labelista*, she is refreshingly relaxed and casual. She is concerned with work of real life rather than the Hollywood high life. "I've traveled so much for work, and that has been wonderful. I have seen a lot of the world that way."

And this world gets to see a lot of Alicia that way, too, across the Manila skyline, in mammoth Kamiseta billboards, and in images red, white and new.

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HOW THE WEST WAS WON

...is how adidas intends to reclaim the Philippine market

By Marge C. Enriquez
Photos by Patrick Uy

TO Filipino baby boomers growing up in the 1970s, adidas (the lowercase "a" was adopted in 1948 by the founder to distinguish the name.) was a status symbol in the league of such icons of the time as Texwood, Niknik and Munsingwear.

To the rest of world, it was widely known as the favored brand of champions, including the legendary Muhammad Ali and Olympic gymnast Nadia Comaneci.

Over time, there's been a gap between the way adidas was merchandised in the Philippines and in the West. Abroad, it is worn by actors in movies and singers on MTV. Here, it has lost its glamour and has been facing tough competition despite a large market share.

In the Philippines, branded sportswear is a P3-billion industry, with Nike and adidas dominating the market. Last year, adidas (accent on the first syllable) posted a double-digit growth, raking in close to a billion pesos. Nearly 60 percent of sales came from footwear, 30 percent from apparel, and the rest from accessories such as bags and caps. However, it had a problem with public perception.

Now, with a younger and more bullish management team, it is getting a shot in the arm. John Alonte, president and managing director of adidas Philippines, says the brand is repositioning itself to target a higher socio-economic class. The product range will also be expanded, to be competitive with the foreign counterparts.

Alonte recounts that adidas in the Philippines started out as a licensee of Rubberworld. Since it focused on the mass market, the company produced inferior products and sold the footwear for P1,000 to achieve a high sales volume.

Although the shoes were categorized for sports performance such as running and basketball, the products merely delivered what the consumer had expected.

When it became a subsidiary in the mid-'90s, the management made no major effort to realign its image with adidas' international counterparts.

Recently, adidas Philippines underwent a major revamp in its corporate structure. Before repositioning itself, the new team asked teenagers what brand came to mind when they thought sportswear. Unaided, they named any label but adidas. That's going to change now, claims the new team.

"It was convenient for the former group to continue what was set by its predecessor, to the point that it was not beneficial anymore. It may have built a mass market but not the equity," says marketing director Angelica Suiza. "Equity is our focus now. We will give to the Philippines what Adidas is as a brand, and what adidas can give to the Philippine market."

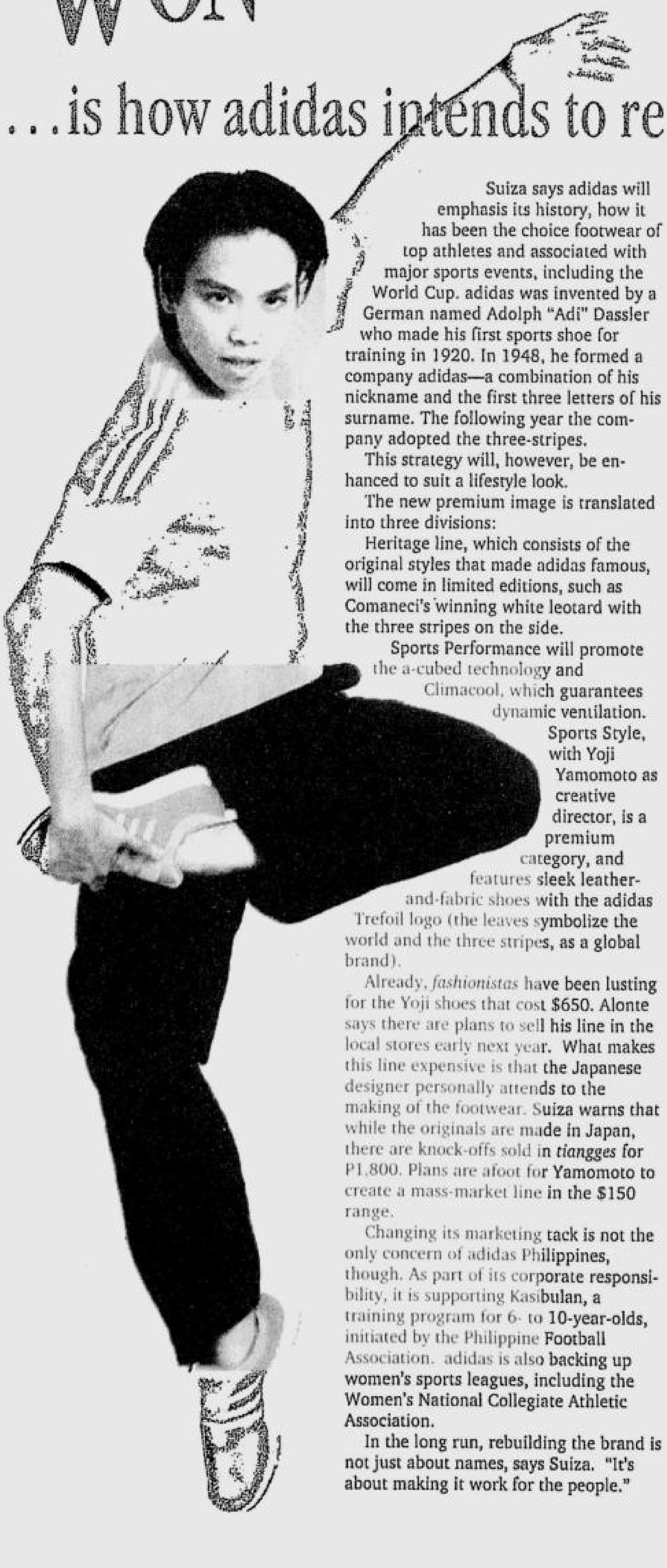
Finance officer MJ Chavez says the company has been waiting to get the Board of Investments to categorize adidas as a prestige brand.

"Being categorized as a luxury brand is important in relation to the retail law. We are also applying for qualification as a foreign retailer, which is positive," says Chavez.

As a retail partner of the German-based adidas-Salomon group, the local brand stores will carry a global look. It will also be aggressive in pushing its apparel line, by introducing various marketing strategies.

Although sportswear in the Philippines has enjoyed acceptance as lifestyle, more than performance, clothing, adidas will henceforth emphasize products geared for athletes. This month, adidas will launch the A-cube, its biggest technology statement in footwear. While other brands lay claim only to providing cushioning from impact, the A-cube gives drive and direction to support the feet and ankles.

"We are bringing to the Philippines adidas as perceived in the West," explains Suiza. "adidas is the only true global sports brand as far as the Western market is concerned. Most of the athletes in the 20th century were associated with adidas. In the Philippines, the aspirational value of adidas remains unexplored."



Suiza says adidas will emphasis its history, how it has been the choice footwear of top athletes and associated with major sports events, including the World Cup. adidas was invented by a German named Adolph "Adi" Dassler who made his first sports shoe for training in 1920. In 1948, he formed a company adidas—a combination of his nickname and the first three letters of his surname. The following year the company adopted the three-stripes.

This strategy will, however, be enhanced to suit a lifestyle look.

The new premium image is translated into three divisions:

Heritage line, which consists of the original styles that made adidas famous, will come in limited editions, such as Comaneci's winning white leotard with the three stripes on the side.

Sports Performance will promote the a-cubed technology and Climacool, which guarantees dynamic ventilation.

Sports Style, with Yoji Yamomoto as creative director, is a premium category, and features sleek leather-and-fabric shoes with the adidas Trefoil logo (the leaves symbolize the world and the three stripes, as a global brand).

Already, *fashionistas* have been lusting for the Yoji shoes that cost $650. Alonte says there are plans to sell his line in the local stores early next year. What makes this line expensive is that the Japanese designer personally attends to the making of the footwear. Suiza warns that while the originals are made in Japan, there are knock-offs sold in *tiangges* for P1,800. Plans are afoot for Yamomoto to create a mass-market line in the $150 range.

Changing its marketing tack is not the only concern of adidas Philippines, though. As part of its corporate responsibility, it is supporting Kasibulan, a training program for 6- to 10-year-olds, initiated by the Philippine Football Association. adidas is also backing up women's sports leagues, including the Women's National Collegiate Athletic Association.

In the long run, rebuilding the brand is not just about names, says Suiza. "It's about making it work for the people."

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Down with chronic pain

By Cherish Garcia-Hernandez
Contributor

DURING my years as a dancer I remember being amazed at the number of remedies colleagues found to deal with injuries or simply to alleviate chronic physical pain.

Some swore by certain *masahistas* (masseurs); others recommended *manghihilots* (therapeutic masseurs). A few regularly went to chiropractors and acupuncturists; still others went the obvious route and sought the help of orthopedic doctors and physical therapists. For some reason, we were always searching for something better. Usually, the right cocktail of doctors, massage, and occasional emergency injections did the trick.

Having recently visited Intercare Healthcare Systems got me thinking, why didn't we have something like this back then? Intercare, headed by Dr. Martin Camara, is an integrated healthcare program that uses a multi-disciplinary approach to manage specific conditions and health needs. The objective is to provide the best non-surgical, conservative approaches for the prevention, management and rehabilitation of muskulo-skeletal pain and injuries, and eventually to bring each patient into a state of wellness.

Simply put, the center has developed Focused Intercare Treatment (FIT) Modules, or programs that will give patients complete, comprehensive, powerful and effective treatments for specific individual needs. This requires the combined expertise and clinical skills of highly trained chiropractors, acupuncturists, massage therapists and rehabilitation medical specialists. The target is nothing less than optimal and balanced management, whether in passive care or rehabilitation.

As part of its rehabilitation program, an adjunct to the wellness FIT modules, Intercare recently introduced Synergy. The first of its kind in the Philippines, the Synergy program employs specially designed resistance bands and balls in specific exercises.

According to Intercare's Dr. Todd Reiter, Synergy, which emphasizes active stretching, is unique because its apparatus and attachments were designed to "isolate" movements. This way exercises can be customized to target specific muscles, whether for strengthening, or to prevent injury to muscles that are used repeatedly. This is especially beneficial for those who engage in sports like tennis or golf, since the exercises replicate or mimic exact motions of the sport, say a golf swing.

Once the patient learns how to do it properly with the help of a physical therapist, he or she can start doing the exercises at home with the aid of a video. This is much less expensive than going to the gym, and also serves a double purpose: it is rehabilitative, and a good workout as well.

Synergy is the first rehabilitation program to use instructional videos for exercises cut out for specific injuries. The patient goes through a three-phase healing program. The first phase is passive care, with a doctor, to get an acute condition under control. Next comes active stretching or rehabilitation, with the help of a physical therapist, to strengthen the muscles. The third phase is home maintenance, to prevent recurrence (and for over-all wellness).

DR. CAMARA demonstrates how to use the Synergy System for specific sports activities such as golf and tennis

Both Camara and Reiter stress that Synergy is not necessarily just for patients with traumas. It can be beneficial to anyone after general strengthening, or even as alternative exercise, since it is available, convenient, and effective.

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A total healing EXPERIENCE

The reclining chair, reproduced from an original design by Le Corbusier, is a stunning rendition in leather and stainless steel. Purchased in Italy, these tilt according to the user's preference and comfort. The ceiling is a symphony in white, with a geometric play on the ceiling to suggest five fingers at work. Lighting dramatizes the neo-Japanese look of black and white against wenge wood panels.

THE TEA bar is the first stop in the Neo Holistic Center experience. Uniquely designed stools command attention. The sensory approach begins at this point.

At Neo Holistic Center the Asian experience is a masterful concoction of appropriate interiors, relaxing music, therapeutic aromas, cleansing teas, and the healing touch

By Cathy Saldaña-Nolido
Photos by Chito Vecina
Pictorial direction by Albert Avellana

HERE is no other place quite like the Neo Holistic Center and Spa—a sanctuary for healing and restoring balance in tired bodies. Strategically located in the heart of the metropolis, the center is a testament to good design and fine execution, rendered with minimalist supremacy but rich in detail.

This reflects the Neo experience as well.

Serenity begins at the doorway, with a lush spread of pebbles mingling with the rush of water. From the bar at the side, a cup of tea is sipped—essential to the start of the therapy: Toxins are washed out before a massage or reflexology session. Sounds and images are employed to participate in the healing ritual, as mood music and soothing warm lights relax the spirit.

There are wonderful chaisse longue recliners along a hallway, with only roller blinds as dividers, creating suites silhouetted against light. These furniture pieces purchased in Italy were reproduced from a design by the legendary Le Corbusier—the architect modernist noted for clean lines, preference for stainless steel, glass and concrete as design elements. Optimum comfort is guaranteed, as the recliners stay tilted according to the desired position of the person in it. The sleek contours and clean stainless steel supports gleam against the cement finished flooring.

On the walls are panels that willfully hide shelves of towels and treatment amenities. The colors in these corridors are neutral—gray, black and white, with shiny metal. In this setting, reflexology is administered on tired hands and feet, and the client doesn't even have to disrobe.

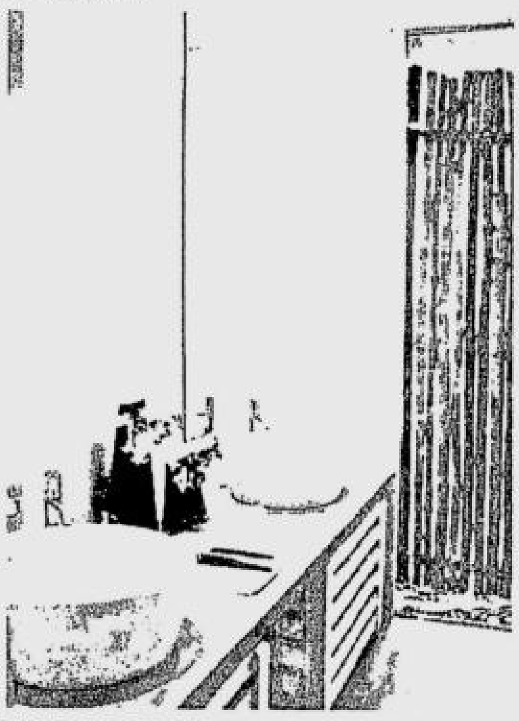
At the end of the halls are pocket gardens with bamboo plants. Pinewood details are evident in some areas, light bleached tones blending with the bamboo. Small stones are embedded in the floor, providing natural textures for visual play. After selected treatments, guests can take invigorating showers in pristine enclosures with small bamboo gardens.

Meanwhile, as nimble fingers work on the palms and soles of the feet, one is led to gaze at the ceiling. Pin lights choreograph a nonglaring glow that is most restful on the eyes. Aromatic oils permeate the air, with strains of lilting music inducing deep relaxation. The healing power of the touch is in motion, sending forth a calming rhythm into the entire body. With cups of green tea within reach, the sensory experience is complete.

Jose Ma. Yupangco, designer and trendsetter, infused the place with just the right dose of imagery and geometric inspiration to create a healing center and spa that is refreshingly Asian. With an authenticity that lightly throbs, from the music to the interiors, function and form are matched. The bed linen is white, the treatment rooms as simple as they should be, walls dark with wenge wood finish. Small rooms for shiatsu and Swedish massage can be extended to accommodate a couple having treatment at the same time. Aromatherapy sessions are administered in a separate area.

Here in the Neo Holistic Center, the total experience is a masterful concoction of appropriate interiors, relaxing music, therapeutic aromas, cleansing teas, and the healing touch. Beyond these sensory nuances, renewal of the spirit is achieved by careful selection of the treatment.

Reflexology focuses on the hands and the feet, by applying pressure on specific points. It is both an art and a science. Stress is relieved and energy is redirected, the objective being to flush toxins out of the body. Reflexology helps in coping with stress and maintaining equilibrium. Mixing massage therapies is allowed.



THE PORCELAIN wash basin finds its place amidst a cheerful setting of plants and natural stones. The tranquil ambience is made more refreshingly Asian.

Aromatherapy massage or scalp treatment is similarly invigorating. Ear candling (gentle removal of wax), healing of headaches and vertigo, are done though soothing procedures. Aromatic sea salt scrubs, honey body buff, micronized seaweed body wrap, and foot treatments comprise the spa menu. Customized selections and therapies are available.

There is so much that the environment can do in encouraging healing. Neo Holistic Center is a sanctuary for the body, mind and spirit, is at 35 Wilson St., Greenhills, San Juan with tel. 725-6789.

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Do you know how to breathe?

Most people use their lungs to maximum capacity only when they exercise vigorously, or when they cry, or laugh

By Marge C. Enriquez

BREATHING is our most basic contact with the world around us.

A steady rhythm, it links us with every living thing through a perfectly measured swap of carbon dioxide and oxygen. It is an instinct, but many of us have forgotten how to do it right.

Most people use their lungs to maximum capability only when they exercise vigorously, or wail, or guffaw. Yes, indeed, laughing and crying releases emotional anxiety, and so bring relief. Depression, guilt or fatigue are often manifested in a sigh—a drawn-out exhalation.

The way we breathe reflects our emotional state, because breathing and feeling are closely tied. Stress, distress and overwhelming emotions cause abnormal breathing. We hold our breath when we are angry. Tension causes short, shallow breaths. Relaxed breathing is rhythmic—there are no gaps between the inhalation of exhalation of air. Although relaxed breathing should be natural and involuntary, most people unconsciously hold back the full range of their breath.

When we are peaceless or agitated, we hyperventilate. A surplus of carbon dioxide escapes from the bloodstream, causing dizziness or panic attacks and other troubling sympoms in the body and mind. Unfortunately, irregular breathing can outlast the emotion that triggered it, so that it becomes a nervous habit. When this occurs, even the most minute discomfort sets off hyperventilation as a stress response.

The remedy is to re-learn to breathe deeply and evenly. This will help us to calm down even in times of emotional duress. Eventually, relaxed breathing becomes consistent, allowing us to focus on relaxing the mind.

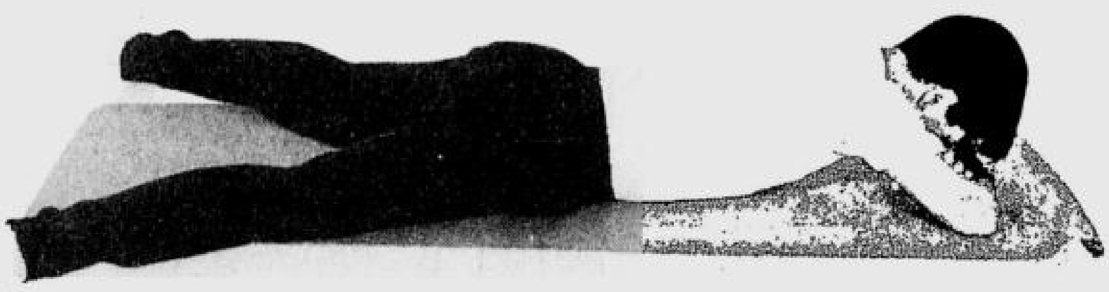
When we breathe we are using two main muscle groups. In chest breathing, the ribcage is lifted upward and outward, and the air enters the upper rather than the lower part of the lungs. In diaphragmatic breathing, the diaphragm tightens so that air may enter the lower lungs.

Chest breathing is functional after a workout, when the body has a vital need for oxygen. However, breathing in this way during deskbound periods entails more effort and fails to send oxygen to the lower lungs. Chest breathing is a natural defense mechanism against pressure, and unless it is controlled, it can cause "over-breathing."

Diaphragmatic breathing supports all systems in the body and works up the heart and internal organs. Correct breathing invigorates blood circulation, and therefore aids assimilation, digestion and elimination. It also supplies the brain with more oxygen.

Infants and children naturally breathe this way, but develop bad habits, such as shallow breathing, as they grow up.

You can determine your breathing bias by trying what is known in yoga as the Crocodile Pose. Lie on your stomach with your hands folded in front of you. Let your head rest on your forehead. Keep your ribcage off the floor. If, as you naturally breathe in, your chest expands, then your bias is chest breathing. If it's your abdomen that expands, your bias is diaphragmatic.



PRAKASH Singh Bisht in the Crocodile Pose

It is always beneficial to practice diaphragmatic breathing. Exhale completely, letting the abdominal area to contract, discharging the air. When the abdominal area pulls in, the diaphragm naturally lifts up against the lower lungs, which releases the air. Spend 10 minutes daily, breathing purposefully in this way.

Quality breathing guarantees better assimilation of energy. By prolonging exhalation, more oxygen is sucked up and the discharge of carbon dioxide and toxins is more efficient.

When the mind is restless, the breath reflects this by losing the rhythm—there will be gaps between inhalation and exhalation. When the rhythmic breath is maintained, the mind becomes calm. Breath control enables the person to control his thoughts as well.

Prakash Singh Bisht, Mandarin Oriental's resident yoga teacher, says that, for maximum benefit, one can begin with yoga postures to ease tension and realign the body. Once the body is relaxed and good posture is maintained, diaphragmatic breathing is easier. Due to the calming effects of this natural breathing, it is easy to meditate afterwards and experience the power of silence.

Mandarin Oriental Manila holds yoga classes Tuesdays to Sundays from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. For details call 750-8888 ext. 2101.

Wings of Soul

By Georgina Solina
Contributor

THERE'S a higher cosmic force ruling over Aug. 8, 2002, centered on the multi-media dance concert, "Wings of Soul," set 7:30 p.m. at the Onstage Theater.

Directed by Bart Guingona and choreographed by Douglas Nierras, "Wings of Soul" combines modern dance, original music, visual arts and video. The text is based on the book of the same title authored by Dadi Janki, an international lecturer who has practiced meditation for 66 years.

Scientists from the Stanford Medical Research Center have dubbed Dadi as "The World's Most Stable Mind," having found her brain waves constantly in the alpha state. Dadi (Hindi title for a senior) herself says anyone can achieve stability by removing ego, which is the root cause of all problems.

The script hopes to make people aware that in order to experience complete fulfillment, they should get out of their comfort zones and make necessary changes in their lives. The ego, whose main concern is to maintain the status quo, resists by exerting power and control, especially in the area of career. Ego creates a duality in our personalities. People may mean one thing but do something else that is contrary to that. This creates confusion.

When one is able to heal the soul through the power of realization, ego becomes self-respect. Thus, the inspired theme of this dance concert is "Wings of Soul."

Pluto, the universal force for change, moves the event's horoscope, reinforcing the message: Abilities, strengths, talents and resources we have developed in the past can be carried over into our present existence. Neither positive events nor catastrophes are random or accidental. On the contrary, they reflect the workings of divine justice, and serve the soul on its journey of evolution and finally, on its return to the Divine Source.

Understanding present difficulties in the light of this viewpoint helps many people give meaning to all that they have to endure in the 21st century. Many social and political structures appear to be breaking down, when in fact a new order will rise out of their ashes. Because most perceptive people can discern some reason for meeting these challenges, they are better able to find the inner strength and resolve. Instead of disparaging the present situation by indulging in too much judgmental or negative talk, they are able to deal with change constructively.

A multi-media dance concert aims to draw spectators out of their comfort zones

Like the phoenix that flew higher, and saw farther, than any other bird, events influenced by Pluto, were driven by lofty ideals and principles. The mythical Egyptian bird was consumed by fire, but then rose out of the ashes to live again. Thus did it become a symbol of immortality.

The script of "Wings of Soul" points out that people with phoenix qualities consistently strive to achieve such noble sentiments as truth, justice and love. However, many become so caught up in trying to "succeed" or to prove themselves right all the time, that they forget their true nature as peaceful souls. This is how they burn themselves out.

A further stage—ego death—is then needed, after numerous but minor ego deaths. Only then may the phoenix rise again.

When we attach ourselves to something—no matter how noble or transcendent—we limit our identity and forget that our true nature is unbounded and infinite. In the evolution towards wholeness, we have to let go of all attachments, so that we may learn who we really are. We are that which remains when everything else we thought we were, is taken away.

Pluto represents a force which tears down our ego (minor) identities until we discover our essence—the eternal Self. We can still enjoy relationships, beliefs, causes or ideals, but we must remember that our true identity is not dependent on external things such as glamour, power, position, and wealth. So that we can soar on "Wings of Soul," let us find the humility that makes us simple and truthful.

(Higher Ground Productions presents "Wings of Soul" at Onstage Theater, Greenbelt, this Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. For details call Michael Unson, 0917696-4975, or Mike Lomat, 0917-6189424.)

We are the champions

By Becky Garcia
Contributor

AMATEUR Standard champion Edgar Borromeo and Ana Yango

DANCESPORT Council of the Philippines, which holds the country's only amateur competition recognized by the International Dance Sport Federation (IDSF) and Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), is now six years old and moving forward.

Since the first competition, dancesport athletes have greatly increased in number. Their skills and qualities have also become better and better. Top-ranking couples have won gold and silver medals in Asian competitions and made it to the final, or semi-final, rounds of world championships. This should be a sign that better things are in store and that, in spite of occasional changing partners, everything that's happened so far has been for the good of all.

The DCP's 6th Midyear Ranking and Competition, its most recent event, had a prestigious board of adjudicators from all parts of the world: Vincent Bulger, vice president of the World Dance and Dance Sport Council and owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Schools all over the United States; Marcel de Rijk from Netherlands, presidium member and chair of the Social Dance Committee (WD & DSC); Tetsuji Kojima from Japan, vice president of the World Dance and Dance Sport Council; Mary Yeh, president of the Chinese Taipei Dancesport Association and IDSF international licensed coach and adjudicator; and Paul Bishop from Hong Kong.

RENIER Mercado and Judith Melencio

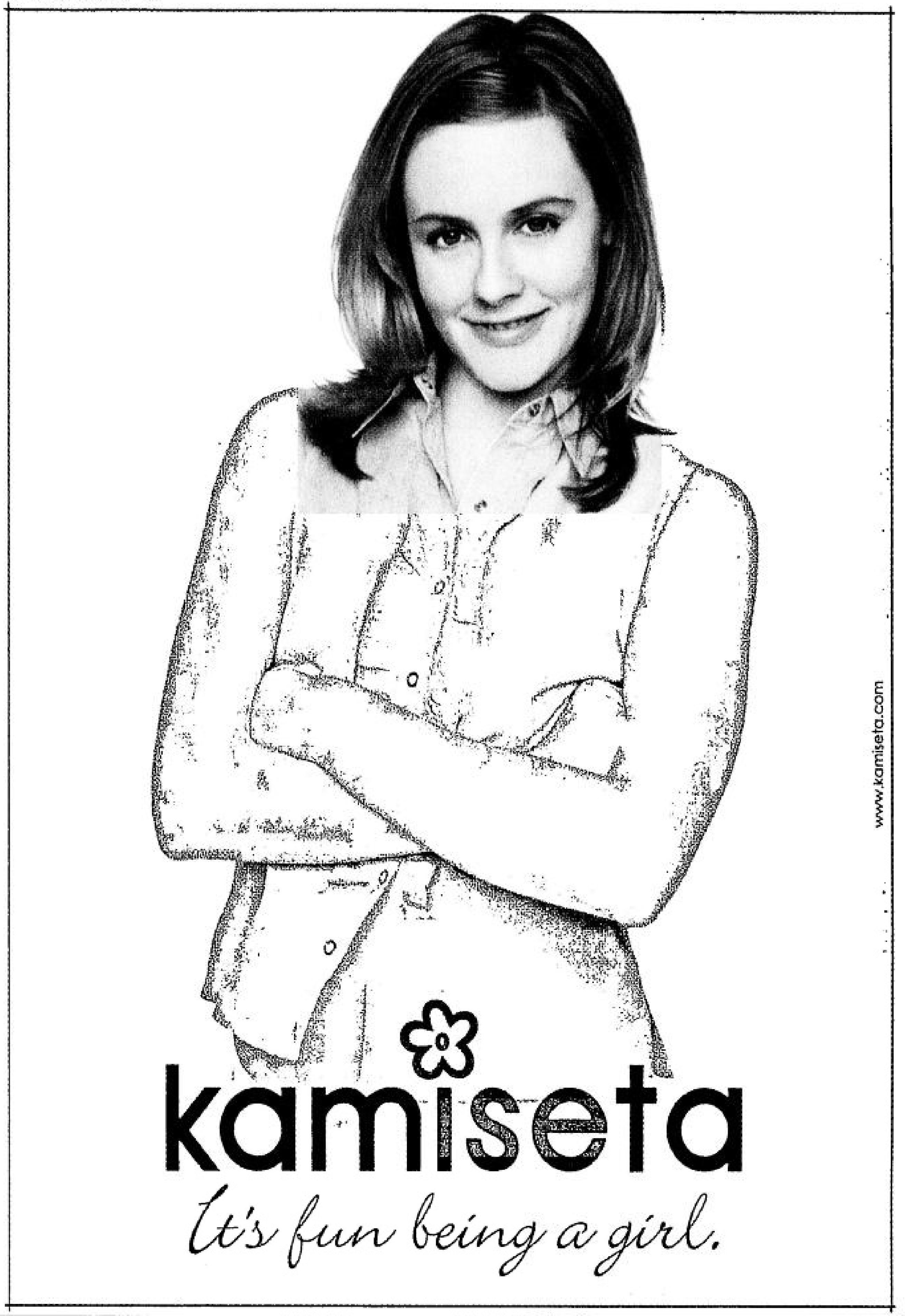
One of the world's top 10 professional Latin dance couples, Camilla Dallerup and Brendan Cole from England, did a beautiful demonstration of the five major Latin dances. It was the highlight of the exciting competition held at the Philsports Arena last July 20. They also conducted the Latin workshop and adjudicated the competition.

The roar of the strong rains outside was nothing compared to the thunderous cheers of the crowd inside. They had all come in spite of the weather, to cheer their teams.

Winners in Amateur Latin were the tandem of Michael Mendoza and Cebuana dancer Genevieve Camacho who showed off their best form. The undefeated couple of Edgar Borromeo and Ana Yango retained first place in the Amateur Standard event. Potential Olympians Renier Mercado and Judith Ann Melencio bagged first place in the Junior category in both Standard and Latin. Juvenile couple Rizza Mae Valdez and Russel Naval won the Juvenile Event in Latin.

Not to be outdone were the phenomenal duo of Erolle Melencio and Krystel Tadeo, who won first place in the Youth Latin event and fourth in Amateur Latin. Newcomer Elvira Yulo and Kristian Sese placed first in the Grade D (Two-Dance) Standard event. In the Grade C (Three-Dance) Standard event, Japanese dancer Yuriko Fukada and Leonardo Telabangco placed first. In the Senior category, Anton Gamilla and Shirley Awayan won first place. Vincent Chavez and Fe Flores placed first in Two-Dance Latin (Grade D), Marvin Abao and Melissa Rayos placed first in Pre-Amateur Latin (Grade C), and Rommel Ybalio and Japanese dance Tomoka Morimura placed first in Pro-Am Standard.

The Philippines looks forward to hosting the next Asia Pacific competitions with three events—Junior, Youth and Amateur—participated in by 18 countries, aside from the forthcoming National Championship on Oct. 29, 2002. Featured dancers in October will be four-time undefeated World Professional Latin champions Jukka Haapalainen and Sirpa Suutari.



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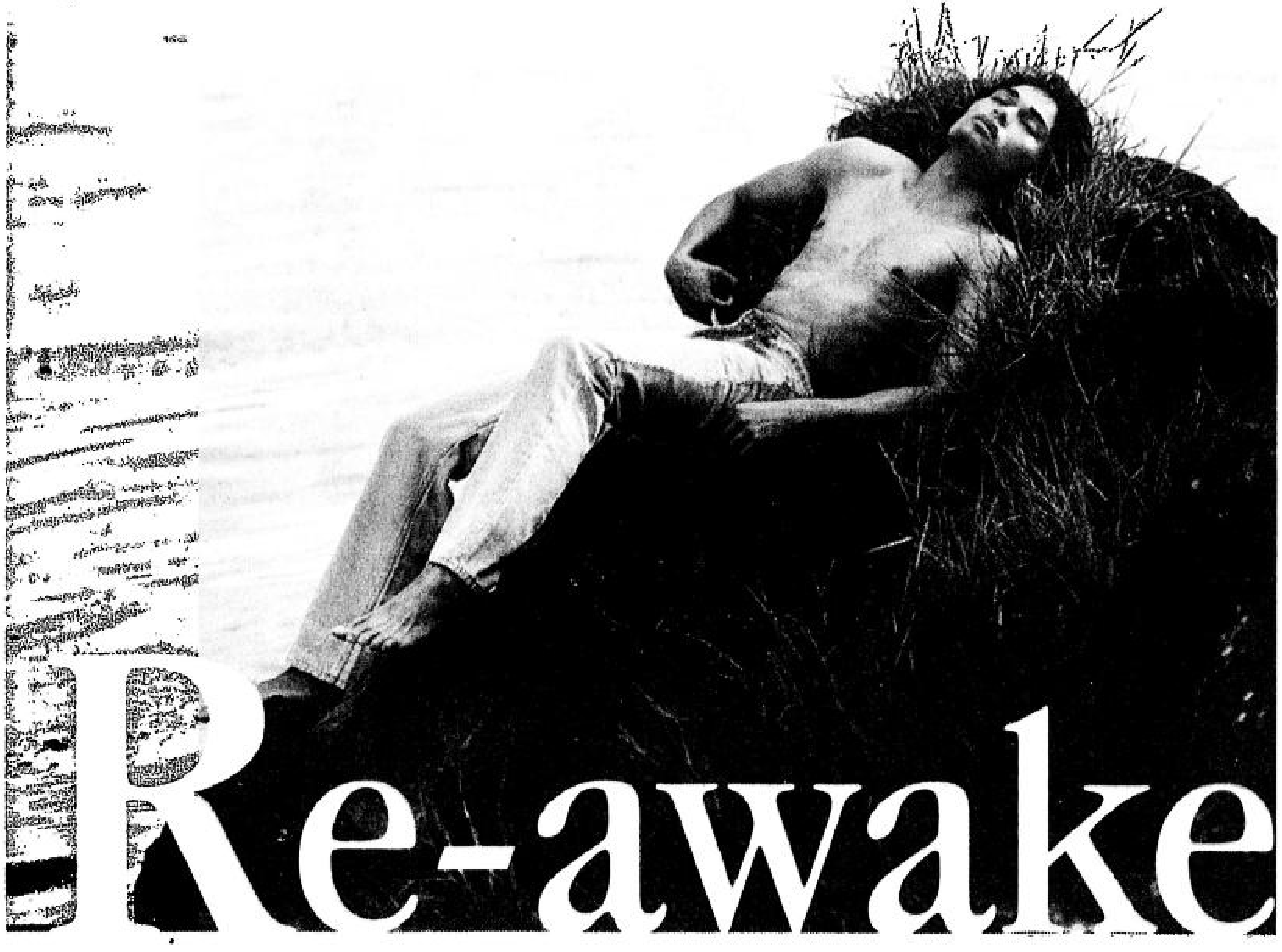
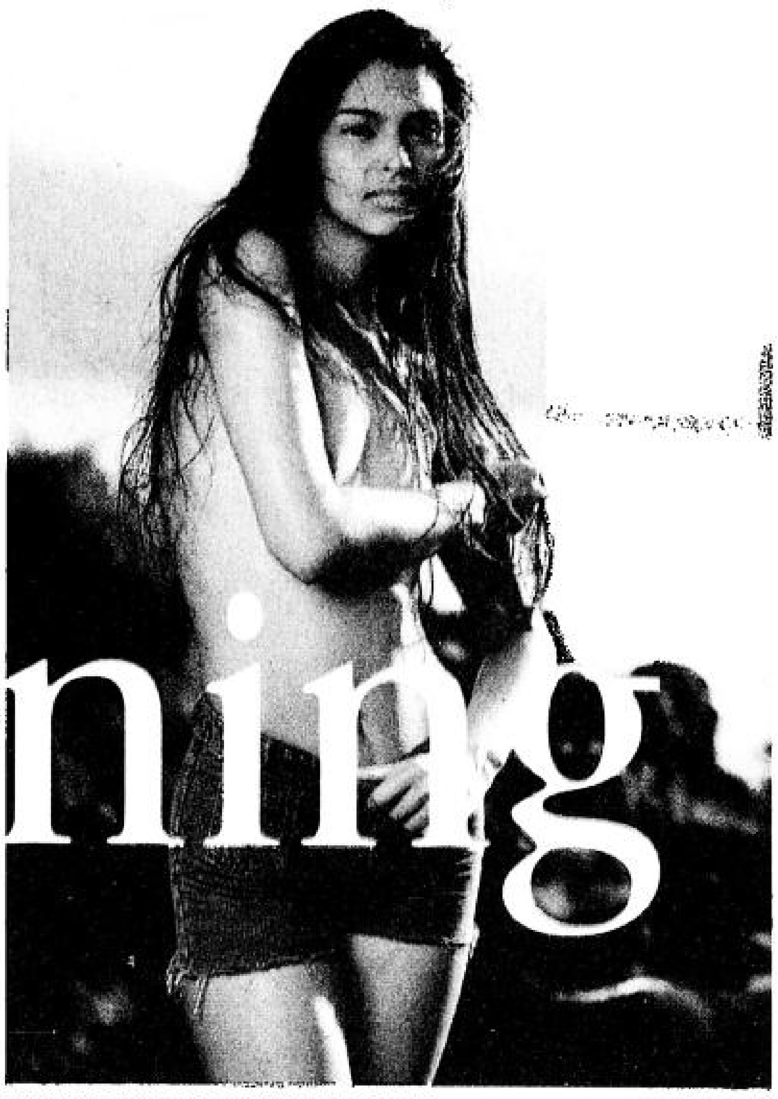


We spend our time worrying about past or future, or busying ourselves with distractions, urgent asides and frantic travel. Either way, we lose touch with something vital to our well-being: sensation.



Re-awakening the senses

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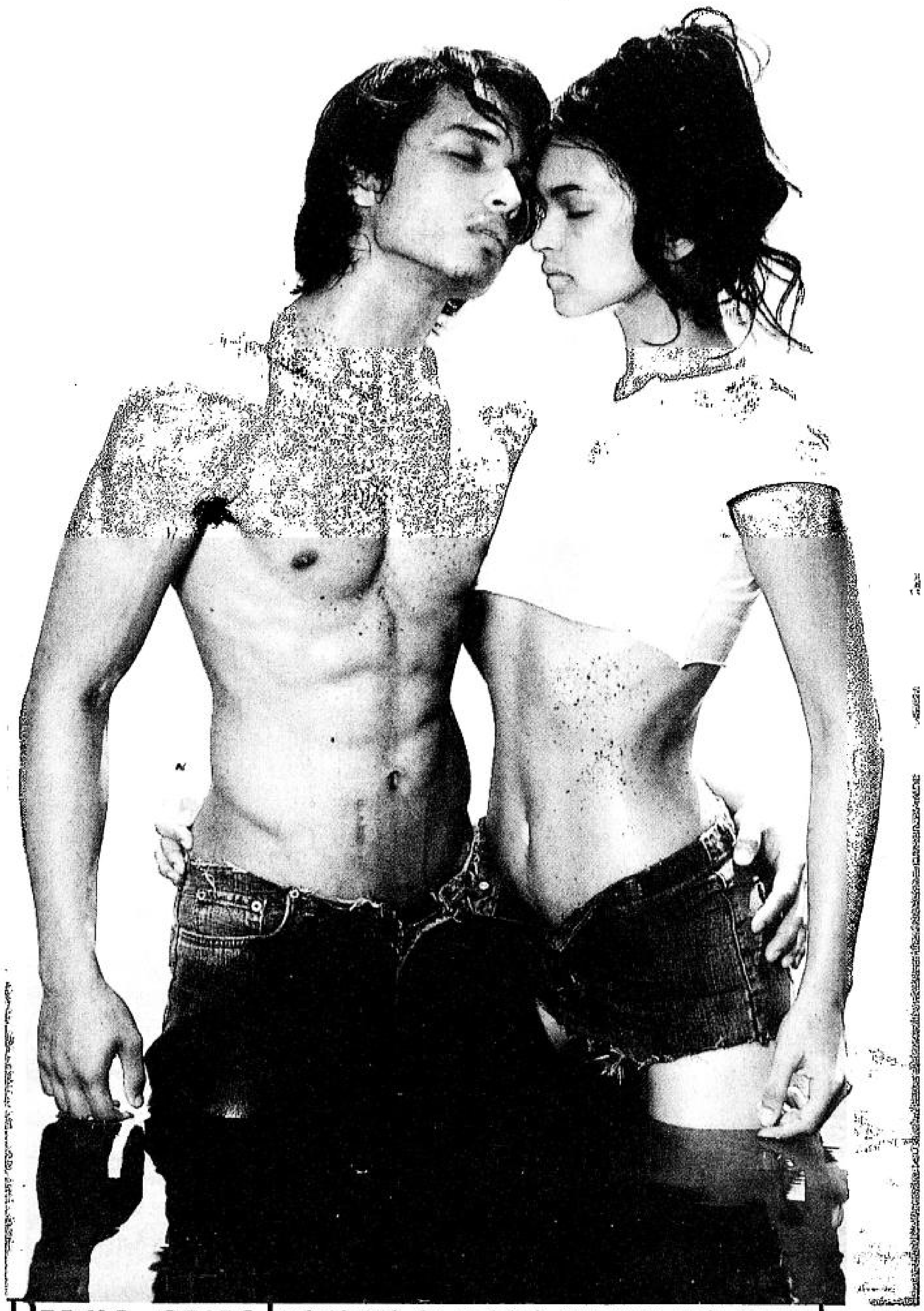
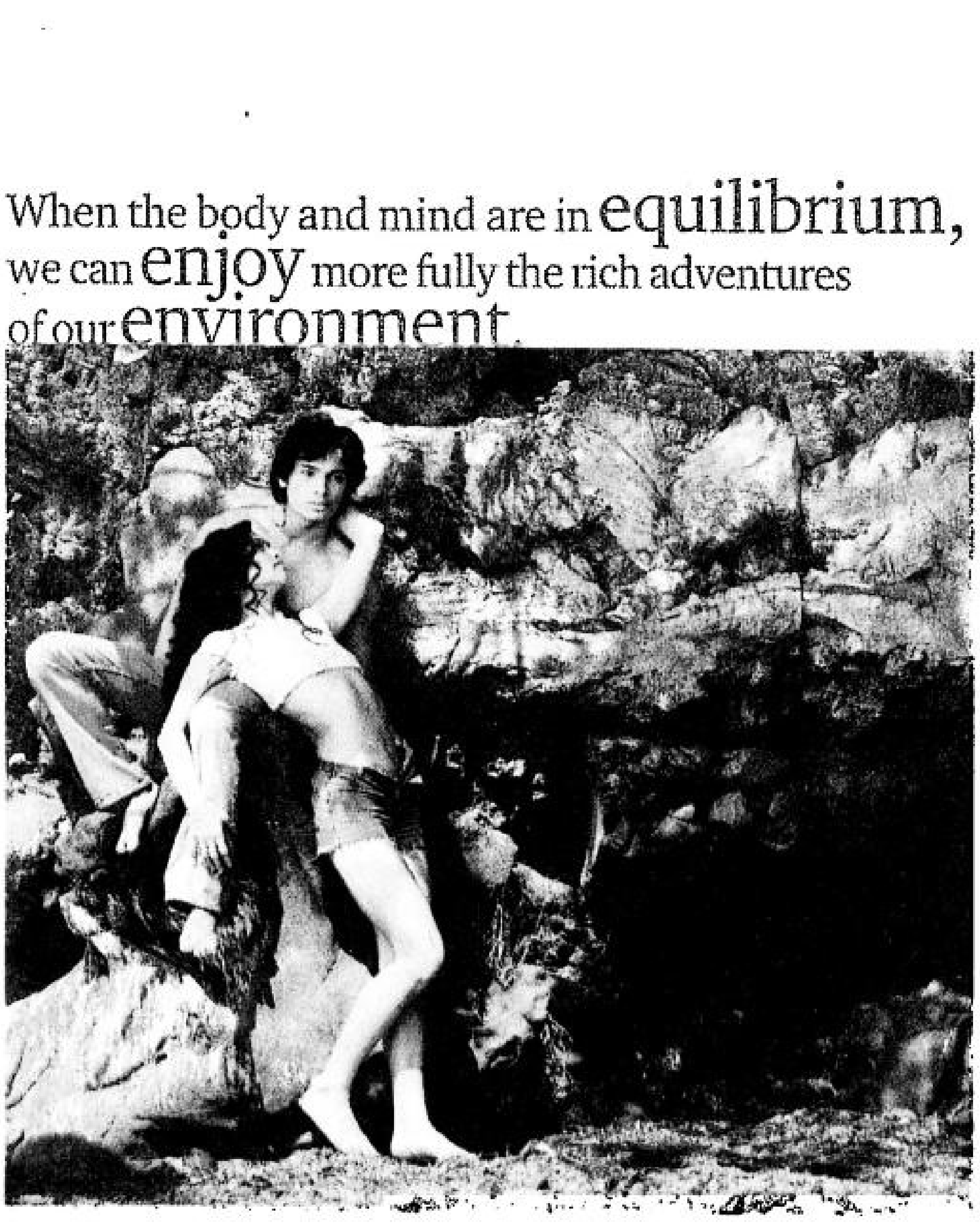
Our five senses are not just navigators of the body, safely steering us through the rough-and-tumble phenomenon, while the mind concentrates on cerebral matters.



When the body and mind are in equilibrium, we can enjoy more fully the rich adventures of our environment.



By re-awakening our senses and using them to strengthen our contact with the world, we can counteract the separation that we feel from the life around us.

What's new with Nuvo

By Amando Doronila
Photos by Chito Vecina
Pictorial direction by Albert Avellana

NUVO is a newly opened restaurant on the ground floor of Greenbelt 2 (tel. 757-3698/ 757-3699). For a newcomer in that exciting food center, the restaurant was already drawing a big lunch crowd. Upon entering the place, it looked to me like a smaller replica of Le Soufflé at the Fort. At the center was the signature cruise bar. The resemblance is not coincidental. Chef William Anthony King is a consultant of the restaurant.

Nuvo is not, however, more of the same. The menu hardly betrays a trace of Le Soufflé. Moreover, the restaurant is more casual, an ambience suited for the lunch crowd coming from the shops and offices in central Makati.

Recommendations

King happened to be there at the same time. He recommended for appetizer a special mixed green salad, and, for the main dish, pan-fried *foie gras* with mashed potatoes, truffle *jus* and caramelized apples. We did not have to hesitate. One of us, however, had pepper steak in cognac cream sauce, gratin of leek and potato and vegetables.

Foie gras is a tempting dish that one can find in the menu of restaurants that like to present themselves in the "fine-dining" category. It is therefore a de rigueur item. But Nuvo is more of a bistro type. *Foie gras* at Nuvo not only dissolves in the palate; it sends you to flights of ecstacy. *Foie gras* must be eaten for its own sake and good manners dictate that you don't give the order too loudly to let everyone know you are eating *foie gras*.

Except for the salad and the pepper steak, we didn't have to examine more closely the menu card. The steak, coated with a generous layer of coarsely ground black pepper, had an exquisite sauce based on cognac. Our friend ordered his steak medium rare, and it was delivered with a reddish hue. My experience in Philippine restaurants is that if you want rare (which is my preference), you ask for a medium rare for the desired result. The reason is that our steak is imported and frozen. It has to be defrosted, and imported steak, when grilled or pan friend, does not release the juices that flow.from more fresh beef one dins in the US, Australia-New Zealand and Europe.

Good wines

We had a bottle of Trinity Hill "Wairarapa" Riesling from New Zealand. Although the variety and diversity of New Zealand wines are narrower than those of Australia, it has excellent whites, and even reds. Ours was at P895 a bottle. I don't go for expensive wines; I can't afford them. Besides, within the P500 and P1,000 price range, one can find good wine, and if there are three or four of you, a bottle is fair value for money. Some good wines in this range are undervalued or underestimated. If you are tired of chardonnay, of which there seems to be a glut, try the Riesling (which is crisp, drier and less fruity than chardonnay), or the sauvignon blanc.

Nuvo has a fairly wide range of wines from France, Italy, Spain, Chile, Australia and New Zealand.

Eclectic cuisine

The cuisine is an eclectic mix, mainly with French and Italian parentage. They have, for example, appetizers, French onion soup, and tomato and buffalo and mozza-

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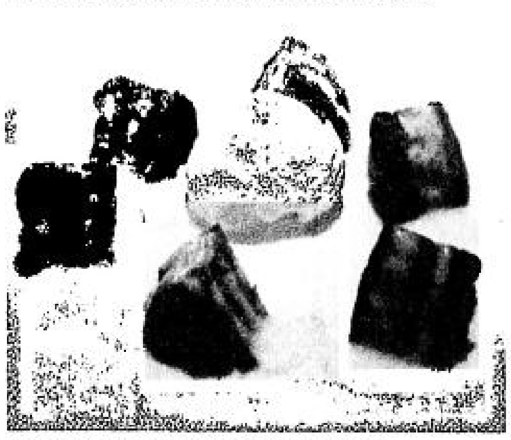
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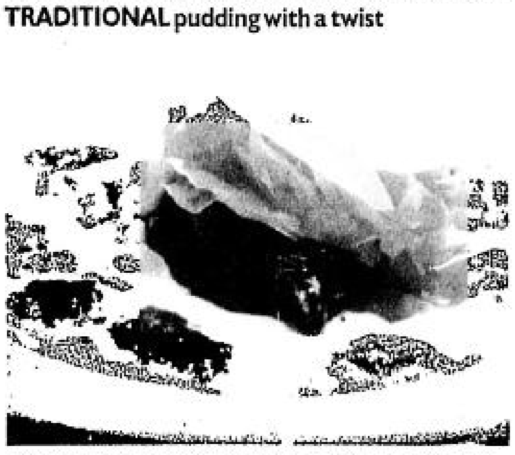
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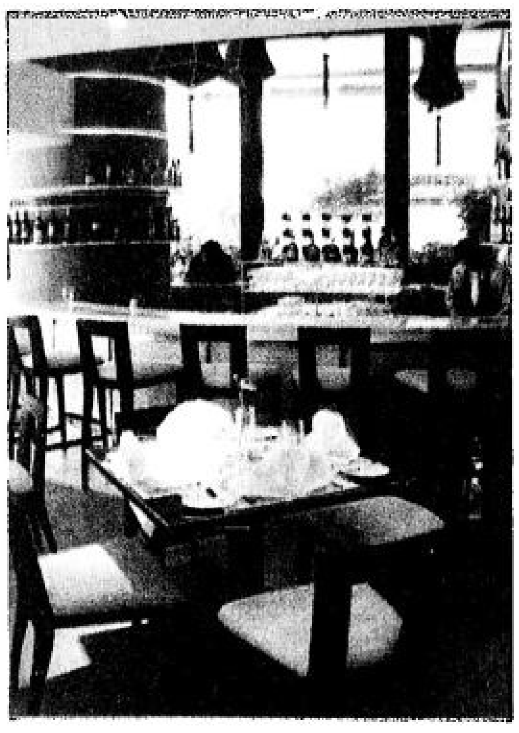
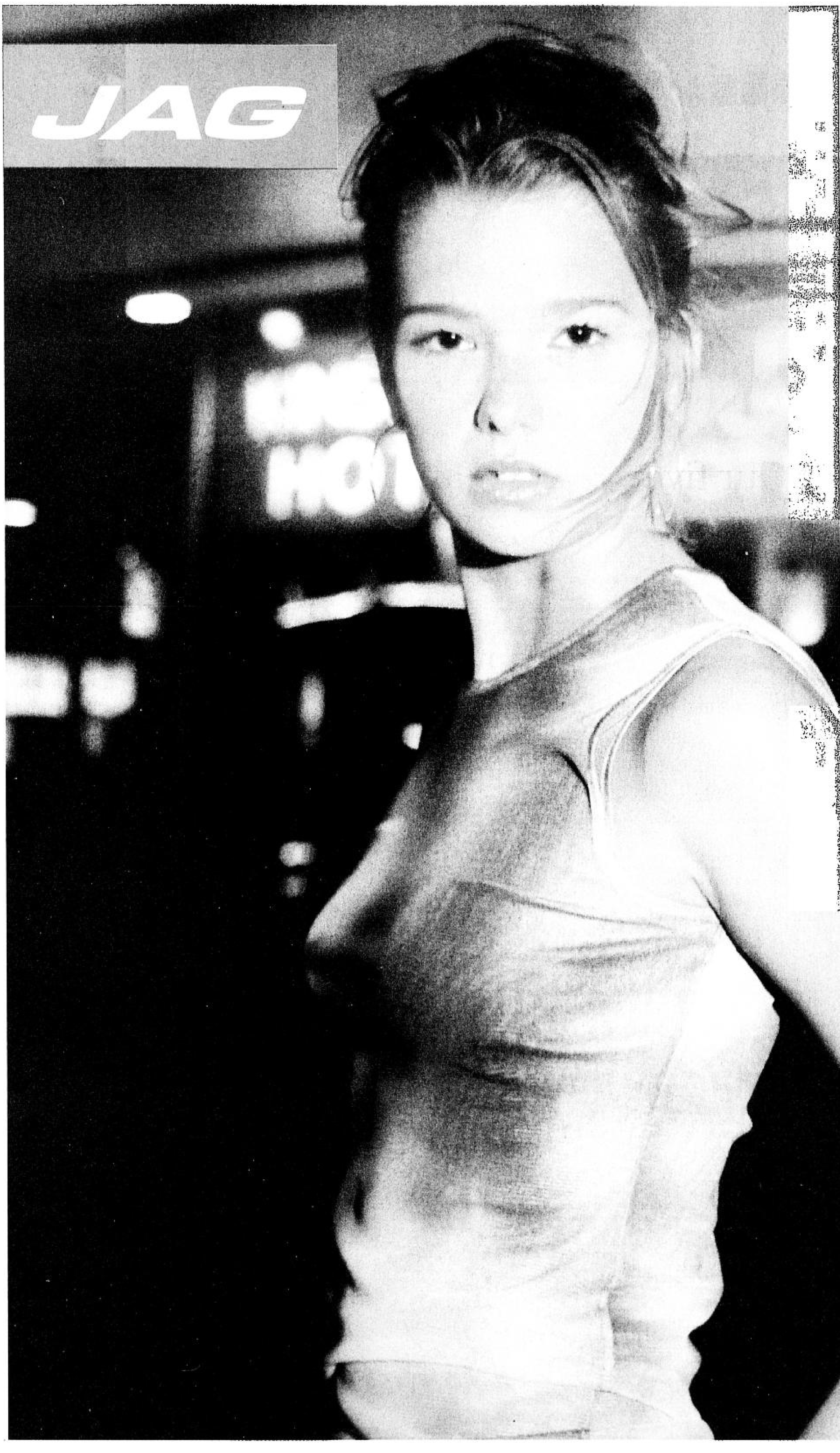

NUVO's décor, done by Ivy Almario and Conrad Onglao, is a blend of Asian and modern elements—bamboo, wenge, painted glass and chrome.

THE FURNITURE pieces are inspired by Donghia designs.



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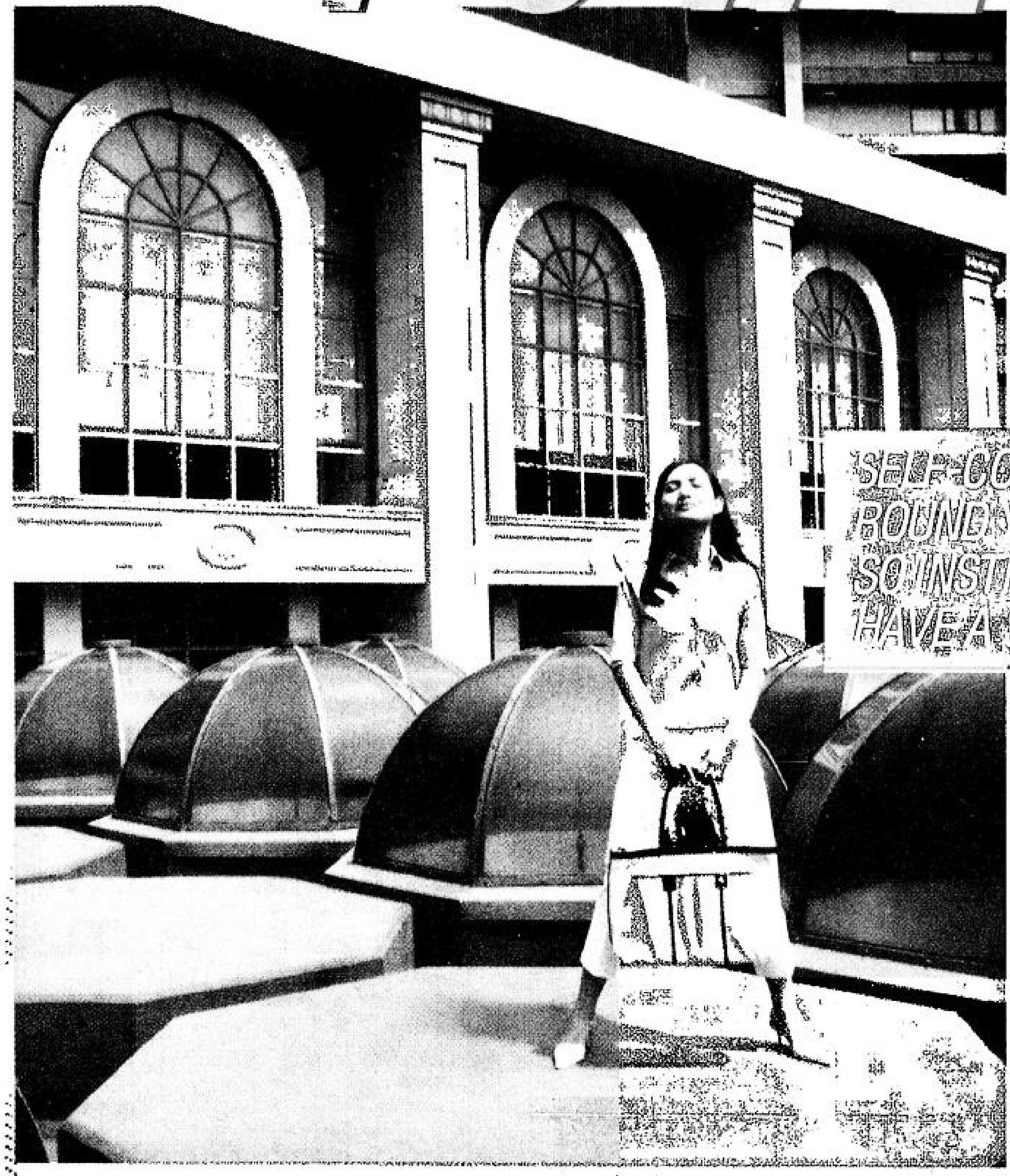

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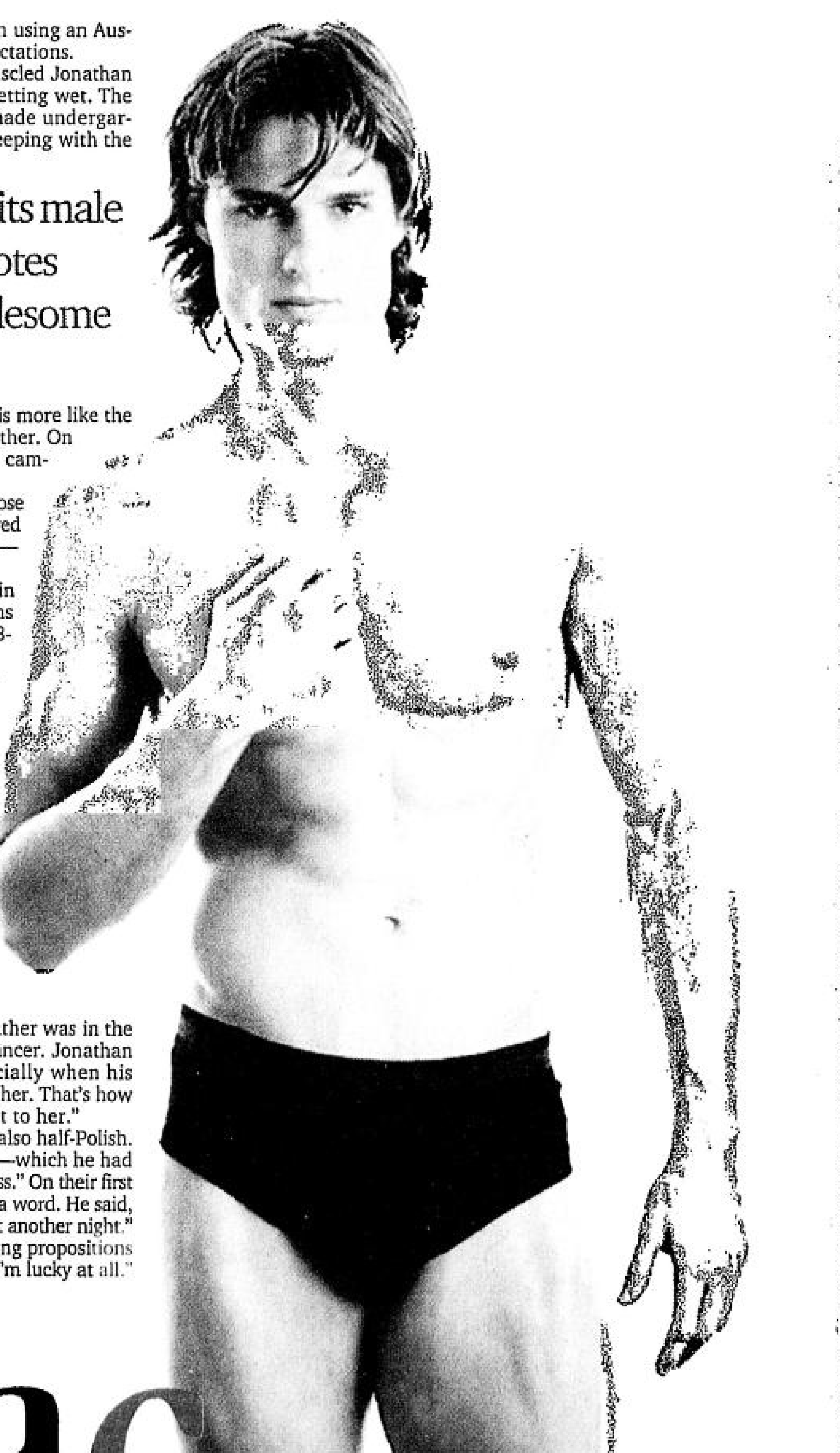
Kovac

WHEN Penshoppe launched its underwear collection using an Australian male model, sales shot up, exceeding expectations.

Consumers could relate to the young, tanned and muscled Jonathan Kovac, who was photographed clad only in jocks and getting wet. The images were sensual but not the least bit sleazy. He made undergarments desirable and wholesome at the same time, in keeping with the Penshoppe image.

Penshoppe's image model for its male undergarments line promotes machismo while staying wholesome and sensitive



Although his ads promoted machismo, Kovac himself is more like the sensitive male, the type any girl could bring home to mother. On Élan's recent visit to the shoot site for Penshoppe's new campaign, PYM Innerwear, Kovac revealed his human side.

He wanted to know where to buy a bag for his mother whose purse was stolen while she was shopping. He said he preferred shopping for women—clothes for his girlfriend, for instance—because women's fashion offered more variety.

Born to Czech and Polish parents, Kovac was raised in Melbourne. At 25, he shifted majors from public relations to economics. He was a "grandpa," he jested, among 18-year-old freshmen.

Upon the prodding of his mother, Alicia, Kovac ventured into modeling to make some money. The job led to such clients as Calvin Klein, Levi's, and a role in a TV soap opera.

Last year, Kovac was chosen by Penshoppe over several other models to be its image model. He liked it here in the Philippines, he said, because he always got the red-carpet treatment.

He attributed his success to being easy to work with. "Looks could get you there, the first, second or third time. But overtime, it's your personality that people will value."

Asked how he juggled studies, modeling and TV work, Kovac recalled how his late father, Michael, would greet him. "He'd say to me, 'Go get 'em, Jonathan!'" He said it worked like a mantra.

Family was always a source of strength for him. His father was in the hospital for eight months while being treated for liver cancer. Jonathan stood steadfastly by his mother the whole time, especially when his father's condition worsened. "I would talk to her and hug her. That's how she got by and endured my father's death. It meant a lot to her."

The other woman in his life is girlfriend Susan, who is also half-Polish. Kovac recalled that the only thing he could say in Polish—which he had learned as a child from his grandmother—was "Give me a kiss." On their first date, he said, he dropped the line. Susan didn't understand a word. He said, laughing, "I thought I would get a kiss that night, but I got it another night."

With his looks, it is easy to suspect that he got interesting propositions from women. In typical Australian humor, he replied, "If I'm lucky at all."

Marge C. Enriquez

Fisio 820 for these *fast* times

By Cherish Garcia-Hernandez
Contributor

THERE is a new generation of cellular phone users for whom it is no longer just the communications tool that it was a decade ago.

The Internet has irrevocably changed people's lives. Staying "connected" has become an absolute requisite to a lifestyle. We check our e-mail everyday, chat with friends from around the world, and take advantage of a seemingly inexhaustible source of information. In other words, we live in an age of "wireless connectivity," and Philips is right in the middle of things, providing people with access to valuable data and even personal entertainment, whether just at the work station or on the move...via a new range of mobile phones.

These phones are certainly products of the latest technology and come in highly desirable designs and finishes. Top of the line is Philips Fisio 820, a Bluetooth-enabled GPRS Class 10 mobile phone with a large full-color display. This allows for a personalized screensaver and wallpaper. The color screen displays up to 256 colors, nine lines of text, and 150 characters. A lot of fun, certainly, because this means that even jpeg applications can be used as wallpaper, screen saver and phone book illustrations.

The possibilities are endless—photographs of family and friends? Why not! And never mind if your images are too big, the "image companion" software can resize them.

But more than just for "fun" applications, the Fisio 820 is ideal for people who are always on the move. Its messaging features include direct access to e-mail service from the phone, and the ability to receive color images in jpeg format, either between two phones or between the phone and a PC. Of course it can also send and receive

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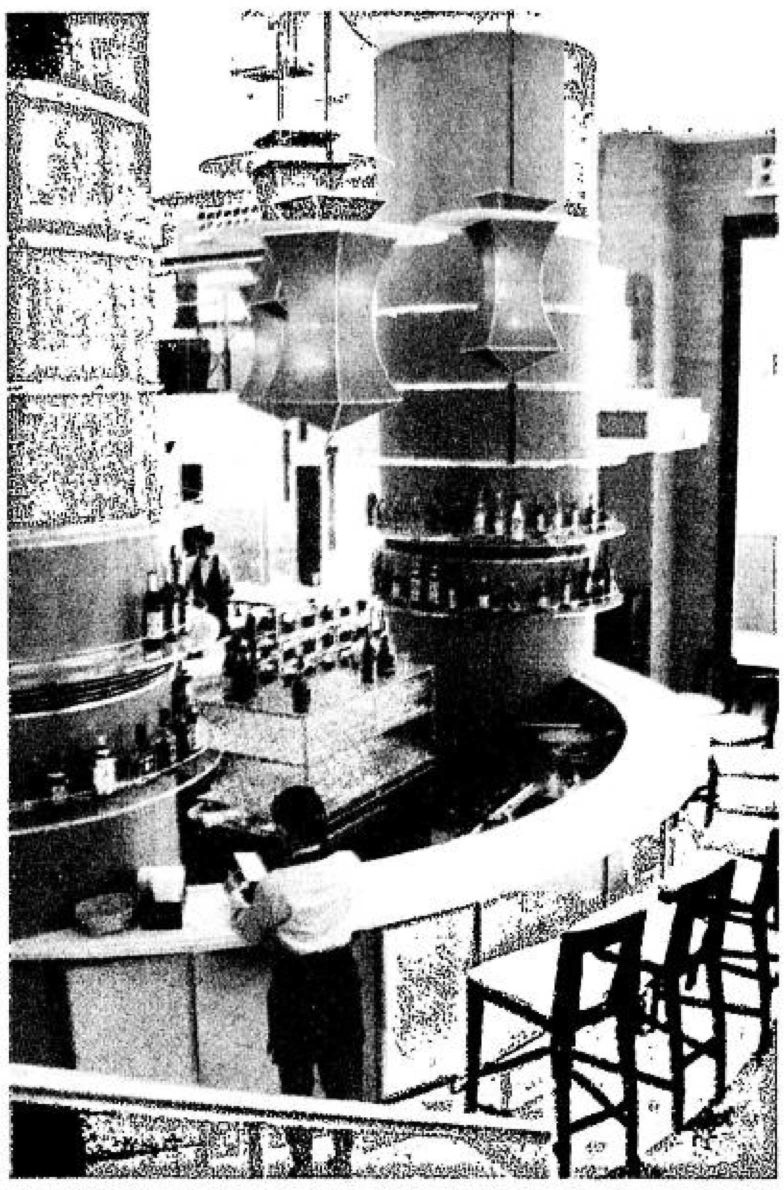

A HIGHLIGHT is the bar with veneer-clad columns with light rings.

What's new…

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rella salad with olive oil and balsamic dressing. There is "Salad Nuvo" made of potatoes, green beans, deep-fried egg and tuna in French dressing. A standout in the pasta list is Pesto Cheese Tortellini with Sea Bass wrapped in zucchini.

For the main course, and for those with big appetites, it is a selection between pepper steak and Baked Lamb Loin Herbe de Provence and Sautéed Sea Bass with Lemon Butter Sauce with fresh asparagus and potato confit. Price range is between P560 and P620.

And before I forget, they have Usso Bucco in Barolo sauce Mediterranean and served with vegetable and Polenta Terrine. For fish, there is Grilled Tuna Belly with Radiccio Risotto and Pesto Cream sauce, among others. And for the meats, there is Pork Chicken Breast wrapped with San Daniele Porsciutto, and accompanied by Champagne Sauce and Pesto Risotto.

Daily specials include Feta Cheese Salad with Garlic Croutons or Marinated Salmon with Dill Mustard Sauce, as appetizers. The main dish is a choice between Chicken Breast stuffed with Goat Cheese and wrapped in Parma Ham and served with Fettuccini Agliolio Tomati Jus; and Seafood and Mushroom Fricasses Herb and Garlic Sauce, with gratin of leeks and potato and fresh asparagus. The daily special goes with Tart Tatin with Vanilla sauce and coffee or tea. Price is P495.

Service is efficient. One does not have to wait long to be served. Tables and seats are functional and bare. The atmosphere is business-like. The restaurant is usually packed during lunch peak hours. So, if you have not booked ahead, expect to wait in a queue.

Go ahead, color your HAIR!

HAIR coloring today is much safer than in the past.

Old colorants contained polymers and conditioners to keep the hair from being brittle. Even so, hair tended to be dry with their use.

An American hairstylist has developed TCA or The Color Applicator, a hair color additive made of anti-oxidants and vitamins. The TCA is a service offered at the Basement Salon at Rockwell Power Plant.

Hairdresser Stefan Wilcynzki recommends using an additive to protect the hair before coloring.

Vitamin E, derived from wheat germ, neutralizes free radicals generated by environmental factors such as chemical pollutants, drugs, alcohol and ultra-violet radiation. Mineral oil is a byproduct of petroleum distillation. It is used as an emollient to make the hair shaft softer. Jojoba oil is well-known for its restorative effects

Mixing hair color and peroxide results in free radicals that cause color fading…and damage to the hair. Antioxidants eliminate the free radicals, allowing the hair shaft to assimilate the color faster. The nutrients penetrate the hair shaft and enter the cortex, serving to mend any damage in the normal hair structure. That it, they smoothen the outer layer of the hair, which is composed of cuticles. These cuticles open up, so that they can easily absorb color.

TCA therefore also speeds up the hair coloring process. Hairdressers and their clients have noted less fading and better hair shaft condition.

Fisio820…

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melodies and icons, and its predictive text makes email and SMS much easier.

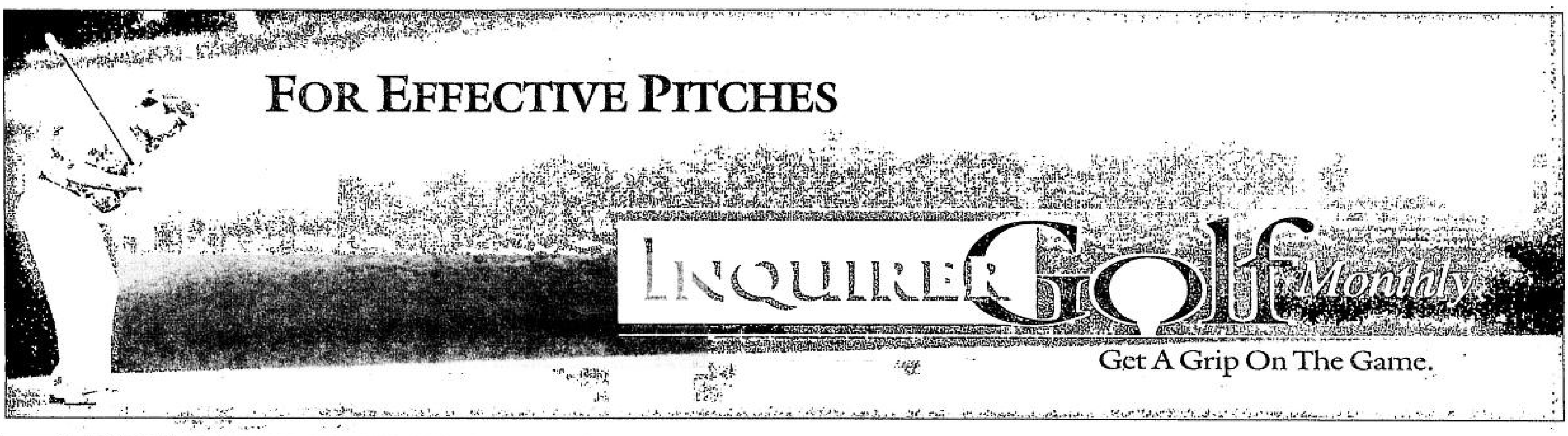
Being "Bluetooth integrated," means wireless communication within a 10-meter range is possible. This means PC and PDA synchronization and web browsing can be done even when away from home. GPRS capability makes it possible to surf the Internet as well as WAP mobile information services.

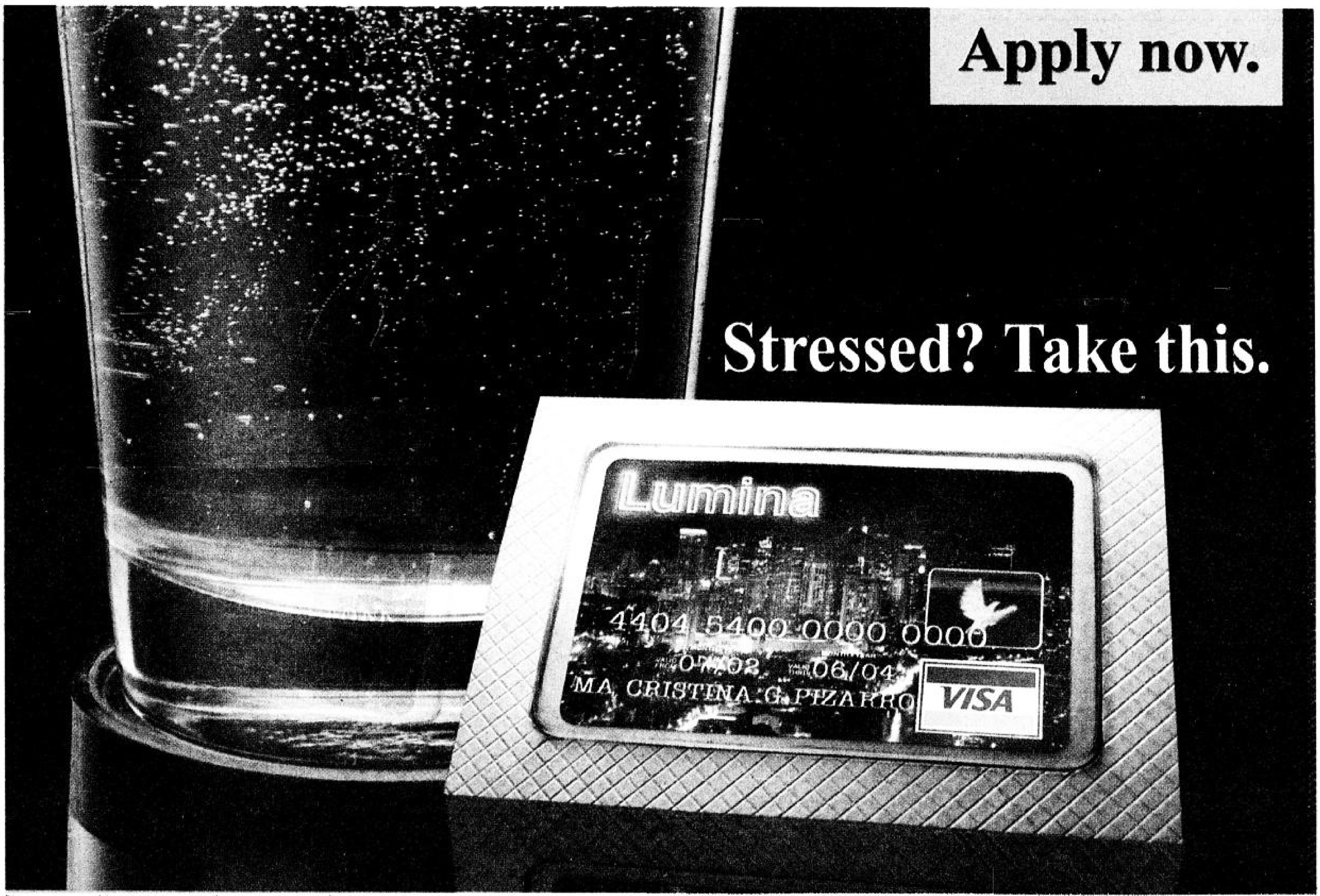
A very efficient phone, Philips Fisio 820 has up to five hours of talk time and standby time of up to 400 hours. Its audio technology is hard to beat, with voice dial and command, voice memo or recording, and AMR (adaptive multi rate). This means the intelligent use of the network capacity guarantees the latest in high audio quality. And if these weren't enough, the audio equalizer offers a choice of five different settings for optimal sound quality.

The Philips Fisio820 also supports In Fusio. This lets you download your favorite games and replace them any time you want. Again the color screen makes for much more entertaining and imaginative games.

Design-wise, these phones are sleek and sophisticated. They come in high gloss or satiny finish with a metalized insert and keypad. It is only 85g and 77cc, plus an integrated antenna makes it perfect for people who don't want to crowd their bags or pockets with bulky, heavy phones. They come in modern and cool colors—"Crystal" (light blue), "Ange" (light gold), and "Mars" (glossy red).

All these features make Philips Fisio 820 perfect for today's most demanding users. With all its functions, features and qualities, it is a great investment.





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Getting to know Kyle Chandler

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

> His big break came when he won the lead role in 'Early Edition.' Kyle won a Saturn Best Actor citation for his performance in the show

THIS week's Q & A:

"I follow Studio 23's "Early Edition" because of its handsome star, Kyle Chandler. Has he appeared in other TV shows or films that have been shown here prior to 'EE'? He is my dream guy." *-Catherine Gomes, Lucena City*

Kyle Chandler was born in Buffalo, New York but was raised in suburban Chicago till age 11. The family transferred to a small town in Georgia, on a farm on which also stood the county's only TV station. Kyle would watch old movies at the station, then go out and perform the roles in his backyard.

As a drama major at the University of Georgia, he met his talent scout in 1988, and moved to L.A. where, for the first 18 months, he says, "I poured beer and sold souvenirs at the Museum of Natural History."

His first break was on the TV series, "Homefront," after a series of stints on "Tour of Duty," and "China Beach," among others. His big break came when he won the role of Gary Hobson, a man who got the news a day earlier, which gave him 24 hours to set things right. The series: "Early Edition."

The show ran from 1996 to 2000, stacking up 90 episodes before it folded. Kyle won a Saturn Award Best Actor citation in 1998 for his performance in the show.

Unknown to many of his TV fans, Kyle is also an accomplished stage actor who has appeared in many productions, including Broadway's "Picnic," which won him an Outer Critics Circle Award. His next TV series was last year's ABC sitcom, "What About Joan," where he played Joan Cusack's love interest.

In development now is a political drama series titled "A Shade of Gray," a Capitol City political drama that will also feature Peter Fonda. His past movies? Country star George Straight's "Pure Country;" "Mulholland Falls" (with Nick Nolte) and "Angel's Dance" with James Belushi.

The 6'1" looker is married to Katherine Kyle (a writer for TV). They have a daughter, Sydney. *(To be concluded)*

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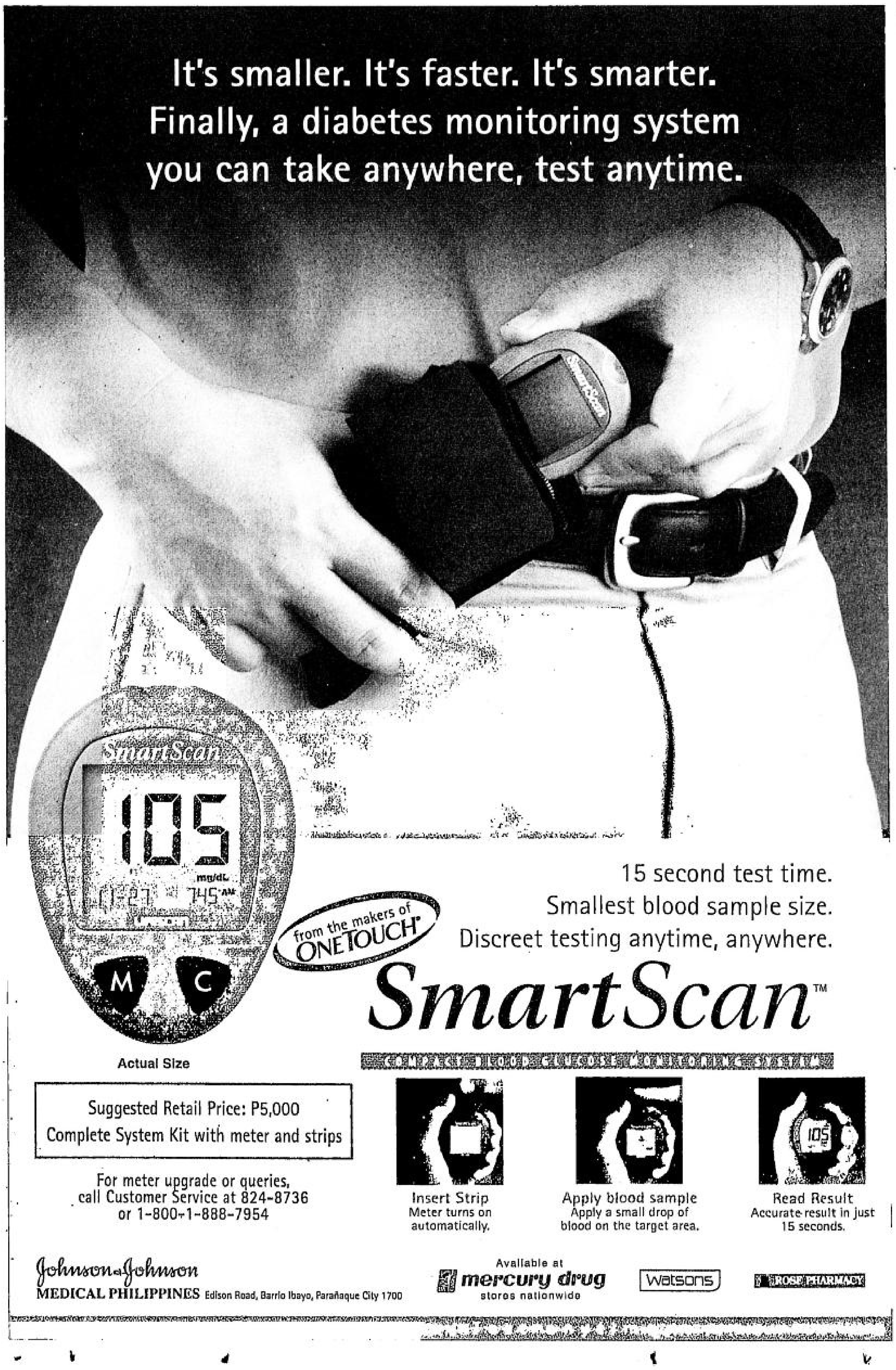

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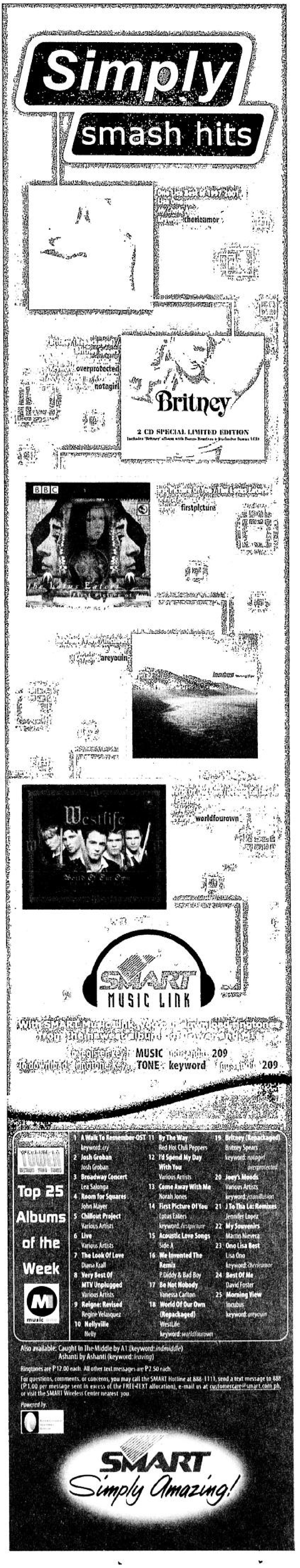

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Top stars shift from light to dark roles

Tom Hanks plays a hitman for the Mob in 'Perdition'

By Nestor U. Torre

HANKS IN 'THE ROAD TO PERDITION.' "Experiment in evil."

OF all the new movies opening in town during the second half of 2002, one of the most interesting is "The Road to Perdition."

In this film, Tom Hanks plays a criminal for the first time in his career. He is cast as a Depression-era hit man for the Mob, who is so efficient at killing people in cold blood that he is known as the Angel of Death.

About-face

What an about-face for Hollywood's "Mr. Everyman," who has carefully built his overwhelmingly successful career on playing nice guys and heroes!

But Hank's character, Michael Sullivan, isn't an out-and-out ogre: When he isn't "working," he's devoted to his family, and is a loving husband and father to two boys who adore him.

Tragically, however, his two worlds collide, and his wife and one of his sons are killed. This is when Sullivan and his surviving son embark on a chilling journey of revenge.

As if Hank's radical change of image and the movie's uniquely dramatic story weren't enough reasons for us to make it a point to see this film, if has other powerful plus points:

Gifted

It also stars the gifted Paul Newman, Jude Law and Jennifer Jason Leigh, and is directed by Sam Mendes, whose first film, "American Beauty," was a major triumph.

The Associated Press, whose resident film reviewer has seen "The Road to Perdition" in preview, hails it as "the best picture so far this year." With exceptional advance word like that, how can Tom Hanks' "experiment in evil" lose?

For his part, Robin Williams also has a "dark" character in store for viewers in his latest starrer, "One Hour Photo." He plays Sy Parrish, the lonely middle-aged manager of the photo-printing department of a large store.

Outwardly "harmless," he harbors a secret fantasy: After developing the photographs of a "model" family, he has begun to see himself as a part of it.

Violent consequences

Tragically, fantasy begins to blur with reality, and Sy's desire to become a member of the family has violent consequences.

What makes major stars like Hanks and Williams decide to depart from their nice-guy image and play characters who vivify the dark side of human nature? Well, after playing scores of slap-happy characters, can you blame them for getting bored and wanting to explore new facets of the human soulscape?

Sure, there's a risk involved, because too dark a thespic twist could turn their fans off. But you'll notice that, daring though these stars' change of image is, the "evil" or "dangerous" characters are given circumstances that rationalize or mitigate their disturbing actions.

Utter loneliness

In Hanks' case in "Road to Perdition," it's his love for his family; for Williams in "One Hour Photo," it's his utter loneliness. These balancing factors send signals to the audience that these characters aren't intrinsically evil, and deserve viewers' pity and even understanding, despite the vile things they do.

That's why stars like Hanks and Williams should be encouraged in their pursuit of other, contrary aspects of human nature to explore and depict (as long as they do it well, of course).

New eyes

In so doing, they're liberating not just themselves, but also their audience, to see life and people with new eyes, beyond stereotypes and cliches.

All too often, we judge people on their superficial attributes. When we see complex, even contradictory characters, they force us to think and analyze beyond the usual shallow parameters, and the result is increased perceptiveness, sensitivity, and empathy. We discover how rich and vital life and people are, and that each and every person deserves our attention and understanding.

If "Road to Perdition" and "One Hour Photo" manage to do this, then Hanks and Williams' dark thespic turns shall have been effective.

Lessons to be learned

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

TYPHOONS and floods teach us valuable lessons. If we want to be wise, we should understand the lessons taught by Mother Nature. Here are some truths we should appreciate:

1. Rains and typhoons come and go just as seasons appear and disappear. There is no permanence to the affairs of the world.

Wise man

A wise man does not rejoice nor lament for the temporary and superficial events of this world. The fool's attention, however, is focused on every flimsy event and is eventually swept away by the continuous flood of changing emotions brought about by every shifting material situation.

2. The forces of nature are so strong and powerful that we have very limited control over the environment. Although arrogant scientists and technocrats want to conquer nature, we are controlled by the laws of nature. We are only insignificant living beings in this vast universe.

Who cans stop the rain to hold a garden reception or a popular rock concert? Even the president can't issue a decree to change nature's course of events. Mother Nature is indeed powerful and she follows the orders of the Supreme Controller, while a fool tries to play God and is eventually put to shame.

Prosperity

3. As you sow, so shall you reap. When we respect Mother Nature and care for her, she bestows prosperity and abundance; when we disrespect her and destroy her gifts, she punishes us so that we will learn our lesson.

If we plant trees, we will have enough fruits, shade and drinking water. If we denude our forests, we will have floods, drought and famine. Our destiny is in our hands. We earn what we deserve.

4. If this world is constantly battered by disastrous events, where can real shelter be found? The fool tries to build his home in this world, whereas the wise man knows that his real home is with the Supreme. There is a realm where there are no typhoons and floods, no drought and famine, no hunger and pain.

Perfect union

Beyond this world is the world of perfection where living entities exist in perfect union with the Supreme. Wise beings serve Him with love and He reciprocates their love in the sweetest of loving relationships.

Let the typhoons and floods bring us back to the awareness of our real identity as spiritual beings away from our home. Let the coldness of this material world push us to seek the warmth of re-establishing a loving relationship with our dearest Father. All glories to Mother Nature and Father God!

SWITCHING CHANNELS

Diether Ocampo turns 26

By Edmund L. Sicam

DIETHER Ocampo, who turned 26 last July 19, admits he was not a long-term planner and faced life one day at a time. At the age of 16, he was quite impulsive and decided to get himself tattooed with the figure of an angel. That, he now confesses, was a big mistake and he is now having it removed through laser surgery.

Before he entered show business, he wanted to be a physical therapist, attracted by the high salaries therapists commanded abroad. Then at one point, he was all set to marry his Fil-Vietnamese girlfriend and migrate to Australia but that too didn't push through. Instead, Diether entered the uncertain world of entertainment and fortunately for him, things have worked out well.

Today, he is more concerned about the future and has set high goals for himself. Professionally, he doesn't want to stay as a performer forever. He intends to set up his own production company and emulate his idol Jerry Bruckheimer, who is known for his blockbuster movies.

On the business side, he's part owner of a spa, One Spa and Fitness Center, which will open soon in the Retiro area.

Considering the many movies he is scheduled to make and the concerts that his group, The Hunks, is doing, these may not be such ambitious goals. He has just finished a movie for Star Cinema titled "Jologs," where he plays a security guard enamoured with Michelle Bayle. He's about to do a bold movie with sexy star Assunta De Rossi.

MMFF's 10 winners

The Metro Manila Film Festival organizers recently announced the 10 scripts that qualified for this year's filmfest. They were chosen from 58 entries. Out of this number, 19 did not have producers who were willing to make the films so they were relegated to the scriptwriting contest. The selection committee was then tasked to evaluate the remaining 39 scripts and come up with the 10 winners:

"Ang Alamat ng Lawin," FPJ Productioons written by Manuel Buising, directed by Ronwaldo Reyes and starring Fernando Poe, Jr.; "Lapu-Lapu," Calinauan Cine Works, written by Jerry Tirazona, directed by William G. Mayo, starring Lito Lapid; "Balangiga," Y Teamwork Productions, written by Jose Dalisay and Gil Portes, directed by Portes and starring Ricky Davao; "Agimat," Imus Productions, written by Peque Gallaga, directed by Lore Reyes and starring Bong Revilla; "Home Along Da Riber," RVQ Productions," written by Ben Feleo, directed by Eric Quizon and starring Dolphy; "Lastikman," Octoarts Films, written and directed by Tony Reyes, starring Vic Sotto; "Dekada '70," Star Cinema, written by Lualhati Bautista, directed by Chito Roño and starring Vilma Santos; "Uno Corinto," Reflections Films, written by Humilde "Meek" Roxas, directed by Edgar Vinarao and starring Rudy Fernandez; "Mano Po," Regal Entertainment, written by Roy Iglesias, directed by Joel Lamangan and starring Eddie Garcia; and "Spirit Warriors," MAQ Productions, written by Roy Iglesias, directed by Chito Roño and starring the Streetboys.

Each of the entries won P1 million. From the produced films, MMFF will choose seven that will participate in the festival. They will get an additional P3 million each.

Focus on Korn's 'Untouchables'

By Noelani Torre

THE UNTOUCHABLES are the lowest caste in India's socio-religious caste system. They are "the lowest of the low," according to Korn vocalist Jonathan Davis in an MTV interview. What's more, he thinks "that America has its own untouchables, made up of all the kids that get tattoos and piercings."

Angst

It is to this audience that Korn plays, and their latest album, "Untouchables" (Epic/Immortal), is chock-full of the angst and frustration these kids profess to feel.

"They just want to express themselves and do something different," says Davis. "But if they want to be rock stars or go into movies or do art, their parents shun them and say that it is horrible and they shouldn't do that, and they need to get a real job." Some might find equating angst-ridden First-World kids with poverty-stricken Third-Worlders laughable—and we must confess that we do—but Korn seems to sincerely believe this, and that's what counts in music-making.

New sound

This pioneering five-man band from Bakersfield, California burst forth on the scene some 10 years ago with their self-titled album "Korn." Their sound differed from traditional heavy metal (hard to think of metal as having traditions), characterized, as MTV put it, by "lunging hip-hop beats, down-tuned guitar clamor, eerie effects and vulnerable, agonized vocals." This new sound was labeled nu-metal and numerous groups have been copying it since then.

"Untouchables" is Korn's fifth album, released three years after "Issues," the fourth. Fans (and critics) dismissed the latter as a disappointment and had waited on tenterhooks for the band to "redeem" themselves in their next album. Unfortunately for them, it took Korn three years to come up with a new one.

The main reason for the delay was because drummer David Silveria severely injured his wrist two years ago, and the band loyally decided to wait out his recovery.

"They went through tons of different doctors, acupuncture—all kinds of methods," explains Davis, "and they could not figure out what was going on with his body and why his arm was giving out.

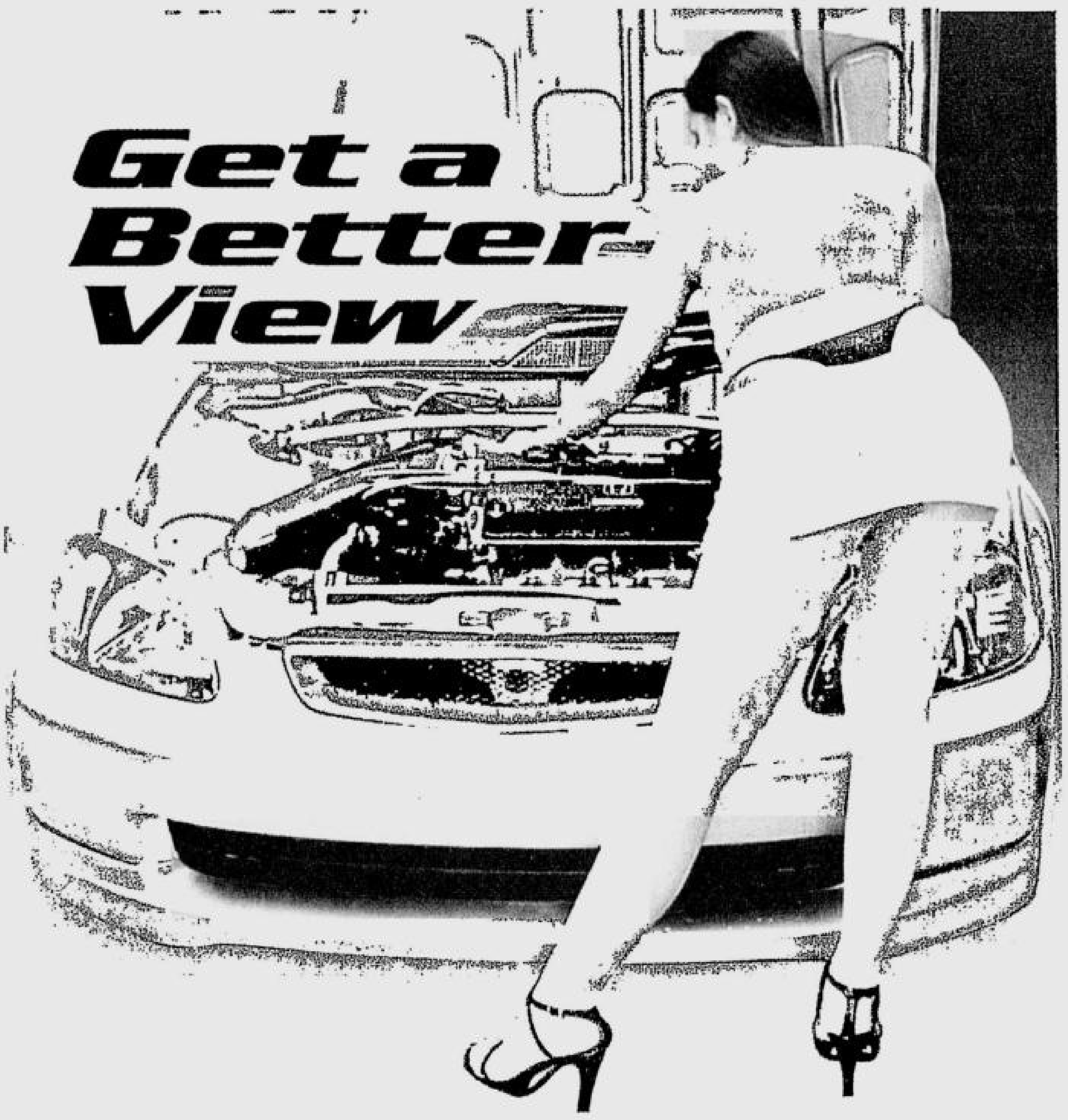
"They finally figured out that he had an extra rib and it was pinching some nerves. So he had to go through some crazy surgery where they had to cut his arm open and remove his rib."

Rehabilitation

While Silveria underwent rehabilitation, his bandmates took up other projects individually, Davis writing songs for the "Queen of the Damned" movie soundtrack and the rest working on different albums.

"This new album took a little less than a year to finish," says Davis. "We had to wait because we wanted to do it all together. The five of us really put 100 percent of our hearts into it, more than on any other album."

Judging from the sound of "Untouchables," their hearts are seriously troubled, indeed. Printed on the album's cover are the words: "Parental Advisory. Explicit Content." If that warning doesn't give you a clue, then certainly the cover and the inlay will. *(To be concluded)*



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- Non-winning entries for a particular draw date qualify in succeeding draws.
- Winners will be notified via telegram on how to claim their prizes.
- Winners must present any two valid identification documents along with the original telegram of notice when claiming their prizes. Accepted identification documents are as follows: Company ID, Birth Certificate, NBI Clearance, Passport, Marriage Contract, Driver's License or SSS ID.
- Winners will shoulder transportation/travel expenses incurred in the course of claiming their prizes.
- Prizes not claimed within 60 days from receipt of notification will be forfeited in concurrence with DOH-BFAD.

- Draw dates are as follows:

Week	Cut-Off Date	Raffle Draw Date	No. of Winners
1	August 30	September 13	160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
2	September 6	September 20	160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
3			160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
4	September 20	October 4	160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
5			160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
6	October 4	October 18	160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
7			160 winners (40 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)

Kalde-Kalderong Kwarta Game

- 4 contestants (one each from NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao) will be drawn per week to play in Ajinomoto Kalde-Kalderong Kwarta Game to be held in Eat Bulaga
- A contestant can play only once during the entire promo duration
- If a contestant's name is both drawn in the weekly raffle and in the play-off game, he/she will automatically play in the play-off game. Another weekly raffle entry will be drawn in his/her replacement.
- Contestants will be given 2 minutes to scoop as many gold coins from the Kaldero ng Kayamanan using a sandok
- Each contestant will be assigned a kaldero to put their scooped gold coins
- The contestant with the most number of scooped gold coins at the end of two minutes will be declared the winner.
- Prizes are as follows:
    - Winners in the weekly play-offs will receive **₱100,000**; Non-winners will receive **₱25,000** (In case of a tie, the prize money will be divided equally among the contestants who figured in the tie)
    - The winner in the grand play-off will receive **₱1,000,000**; Non-winners will receive **₱200,000** (In case of a tie, the contestants who figured in the tie will be given 30 seconds to play the game again to determine the ultimate winner)

- Game dates are as follows:

Week	Nature of Game	Entries Cut-Off Date	Game Draw Date	Game Date	No. of Contestants
1	Weekly Play Off	August 30	September 13	September 27	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
2	Weekly Play Off	September 6	September 20	October 4	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
3	Weekly Play Off			October 11	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
4	Weekly Play Off	September 20	October 4	October 18	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
5	Weekly Play Off			October 25	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
6	Weekly Play Off	October 4	October 18	November 1	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
7	Weekly Play Off			November 8	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
8	**GRAND PLAY OFF**	November 1	November 15	November 30	4 contestants (1 each for NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)

- Travel arrangements and accommodation of provincial contestants shall be taken cared by AJINOMOTO PHILIPPINES CORPORATION
- Contestants will be informed via telegram for coordination instructions
- A contestant may send a substitute if he / she is incapable to play the game. Conditions for substitution of contestants includes pregnancy, physical and health restrictions, and age (Substitution shall be on a same-gender basis)
- Contestants will not be allowed to re-schedule their game dates. If a contestant fails to coordinate with the contact person within a week before his / her scheduled game, a replacement will be drawn from the NCR entries
- The last four names to be drawn in each particular NCR weekly raffle draw date will be asked to stand-by in the contest venue. In the event a game contestant fails to arrive at the contest venue on time, one of these on stand-by contestants will be picked as replacement thru lottery. The contestant who fails to arrive will instead get **₱5,000** in cash

6. 20% tax for prizes that exceeds **₱10,000** will be shouldered by AJINOMOTO PHILIPPINES CORPORATION.

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8. Promo period is from August 1 to November 1, 2002.

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Oprah pays tribute to outstanding teachers on her TV show

By Nestor U. Torre

NOW that we can get "Oprah" weekdays at 9 a.m. on Star World (and evenings on Studio 23), we've found ourselves making it a point to watch Ms Winfrey's show whenever we're at home.

Combination

The program's combination of heart and mind, its desire to help viewers become better people, and its lack of cliches and commercialism make it a must-see in our book.

After watching "Oprah," it's difficult for us to view the usual commercial shows on the tube, because they're so obviously deficient and exploitative in comparison.

One of the best "Oprah" telecasts we've seen recently was Winfrey's tribute to outstanding teachers. The program host began the special telecast by confessing that she was a big fan of teachers—in fact, she placed teachers at the top of her list of the most important people in the world, bar none!

She also confessed that it was her teacher in the fourth grade who had literally saved her from a life of failure by believing in her, and helping her whenever she could.

Transformed

As a result, little Oprah decided that she too would become a teacher when she grew up, to help other children as she had been inspired and transformed by her fourth-grade mentor.

That's one dream that she has yet to fulfill, however.

Still, she's doing the next-best thing, by occasionally using her popular TV show to honor outstanding teachers, and to inspire young viewers to go into the teaching profession themselves.

As she pointed out in the "Oprah" episode we watched recently, the United States needs two million new teachers in the next 10 years!

33 awardees

Oprah's show honored the 33 exceptional grade and high school teachers who were chosen this year by the Disney Corporation. She devoted the most time to grade school teacher Ron Clark, a spirited young man who decided three years ago to take on the challenge of handling an "impossible-to-teach" class of ruffians and losers in an ethnic ghetto in Harlem.

Clark shared how he *did* do the impossible: The summer before he started teaching the "class from hell," he made it a point to visit each of his future students' homes, getting to know their parents and soliciting their help to make sure that their children would buckle down to work when school started.

Once he started teaching his students, Clark did his best to make learning fun for them. He composed songs to bring home difficult teaching points, and even learned to do the tricky dance moves of the Double Dutch to get on their good side.

Extra time

He also put in extra time to motivate the worst achievers in class, who later shared that it was his faith in them that had helped them overcome the problems and issues that had been holding them back.

But Clark also realized that he could pal around with his students only up to a point. He saw that it was important to them that his rules for them should not be watered down in the hokey name of friendship.

Clark summed up his teaching philosophy, which many of the other awardees shared, this way: Look not so much for the mind, but for the heart in your students. Get to the mind *through the heart.* And show by your example that the secret to success in school *and* in life is your passion to learn, to excel.

Teachers and students, listen—and learn!

Gratitude

As Oprah honored the outstanding teachers (the 33 awardees were chosen from a field of 70,000 nominees!), her eyes glistened with tears of pride, admiration and gratitude. So should all of us be grateful for our own teachers—the good ones, that is.

That day on "Oprah," the outstanding teachers were also grateful to the program host-producer. Her decision to showcase them made millions of viewers realize teachers' supreme importance in our collective lives, thus giving them the significance they so richly deserve.

OPRAH. Wants to help viewers become better people.

Rainy days and Joyce Jimenez

By Edmund L. Sicam

IT was raining cats and dogs when we interviewed Joyce Jimenez during the presscon for "Ang Galing, Galing Mo Babes!," so we asked her how she felt on stormy days. "Sleepy," said the sexy star. Depressed, too? "Well, when I'm depressed, I feel even more miserable."

Someone dared to ask what the effect of the cold weather was on her biological needs. She didn't reply right away so we followed that up with "Do you feel sexy when it rains?" "Not really" was Joyce's curt reply. And that was the end of that line of questioning.

Lingerie

The talk shifted to her lingerie business. Joyce is probably the first star to capitalize on her "Pantasya ng Bayan" image to sell feminine underwear. No actress has ever imprinted her name on bras and panties. The strategy is obvious: Make women feel sexy by wearing Joyce's undergarments.

Joyce told us that hipster panties are bestsellers. Thongs are also very popular. Joyce explains why T-backs are in: "When you wear tight pants, there's no visible panty line. *Pag kita kasi, lumalaki ang* butt *mo.*" Thank you, Joyce, for that useful bit of information.

Joyce loves designing and trying out her new products. When we asked about nightgowns, she said that was her manager's (Shirley Kuan) area of responsibility. "*Wala kasi akong hilig sa* nightgowns."

As with any interview, she was asked about her love life. Joyce freely admitted that she had lots of boyfriends—friends who are boys, not exactly what we wanted to hear. Unlike many actresses who are forever being linked to various guys, Joyce has been spared that kind of intrigue. After her break-up with Jay Manalo, Joyce has remained unattached, or maybe she's just discreet about her love life. After all, she doesn't need that kind of publicity to promote her career.

JIMENEZ. Remains unattached.

Best friends

"I get along better with men than I do with women," the actress confessed. "*Dati pa,* my best friends have always been guys. The girls I've met, specially in the States, are very competitive. They're also very *kikay. Ang hilig ko,* rough sports like boxing, basketball, football. When I invite my girl friends to join me, they look at me like I'm a crazy person."

Does she get along with gays? "*Oo, naman,*" said Joyce. Suppose a father gave her P5 million to "convert" his son who's *bading*, would she accept the challenge? "No," she said emphatically. "Why convert someone who's happy being *bading*? I don't want him to be miserable the rest of his life. There are things money can't buy."

Eventually, we got to talking about her movie, where, according to the press handout, Joyce played a prostitute. We asked if this was the first time she was playing that kind of a role. She clarified that she was not really a *prosti* since she did not solicit sex. "They look for me, I don't look for them," she explained.

According to Joyce, her sex scenes here are more mature, compared to "Warat" when she was much younger. They are not necessarily more explicit because the MTRCB X-ed the movie twice before finally approving a new version. Despite the cuts, we understand the movie has been doing very well in theaters.

Joyce found it easy to do her scenes with Albert Martinez, who played her obsessed lover in "Scorpio Nights 2." This time, Albert plays a violent person. Joyce is all praises for her co-star: "*Inalagaan niya ako talaga,* specially during the rough sequences. He was able to make the scenes look very convincing without hurting me."

Acting

She's more critical about her acting. "*Kulang pa,*" she said. "It's hard to do drama *pag* Tagalog *ang* lines. Mahirap sumigaw in a language that I'm not comfortable with." Her lines are dubbed by somebody else, but Joyce has to take care of the visual aspect.

Joyce admits that she has improved a lot since she started in the movies, but she doesn't expect to win acting awards anytime soon. Her male admirers are not complaining, though.

The actress said that she put on some weight during the filming of the picture in Zambales. "For two weeks, *puro pusit at mangga ang kinain ko—mataas ang* calories." Looking at her, however, she still had that whistle-bait figure that men drool over.

Outside Annabel's, where the presscon was held, it was still raining buckets, but Joyce didn't seem depressed at all.

Viewers suggest how game and quiz shows on TV can be improved

By Leia Torre

DURING the past months, local televiewers have been inundated with game and quiz shows, especially during prime-time viewing hours. Almost every viewer can name these shows at the drop of a hat, and some are even able to hum their musical themes.

Popular

These programs have become so prevalent and popular that a network that doesn't have two or three such shows in its lineup is likely to suffer a drop in its ratings.

In their attempt to produce shows to rate better than those of rival networks', the people behind these programs have gone to great lengths to create formats that capture a huge audience and make money at the same time, with minimal expense.

While some of these shows have reasonable expectations of their contestants, others simply demand too much in terms of effort, self-confidence, or potential embarrassment on the contestants' part.

Degree of difficulty

The probability of winning also varies from one show to the next, and so does the degree of difficulty of the odds that the contestants are required to overcome. Nevertheless, people keep coming back for more.

Why contestants keep returning is an easier question to answer than why viewers can't seem to keep themselves from watching game and quiz shows. But these shows will continue to dominate our TV screens as long as many viewers enjoy watching them. So, if we're stuck with them, we might as well find some ways to improve them. Some viewers have come up with these suggestions:

Credible

"Get good hosts, not just big-name stars. They should be able to speak well and should be credible. Also, the people behind the shows shouldn't get celebrity contestants for the sole purpose of boosting their ratings. Quite a number of these celebrities only manage to make themselves look dumb.

"The shows should be neither too easy nor too hard to win. For example, Kris Aquino's show, 'Game Ka Na Ba?,' is too easy. On the other hand, Christopher de Leon's 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?' is sometimes too difficult—you'd have to be a near-genius to know all the answers. And all those text-in and phone-in promos appear to support the view that all that these shows care about is making money.

"The probability of winning a significant amount is minuscule. It's so one-sided. I suggest that these shows' producers consider the welfare of their contestants, not just the bottom line." *—Farah Cañezal, 20.*

Patronizing

"How can quiz shows be improved? Replace Christopher de Leon on 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?' I don't have anything against the guy—I know he's a very competent actor, etc.—but he just doesn't do well in game-show hosting. He gets irritating when he talks to the contestants, because he has a tendency to be patronizing and condescending. He doesn't ring true. When he hosts, he looks like he's acting out a part.

"Overall, I think game shows can be improved if they select their contestants more astutely. It's much more exciting to watch shows where the contestants are smart. You don't get frustrated.

"*Sa ibang* game shows *naman, sana lang huwag nilang i-*exploit *yung mga taong sumasali.* They make the contestants look pathetic—not funny, but pathetic. *Hindi ka na matatawa, maaawa ka na.*" *—Judith Horigue, 26*

Too many

"There are too many game and quiz shows on TV. We're literally drowning in them. My first suggestion is for them to cut back on the number of shows produced.

"I also suggest that they make the shows as intellectually-challenging as possible. However, the problem with intellectual game shows is that few companies are willing to sponsor them. Our only quiz shows of some renown are 'Battle of the Brains' and 'LG Digital Quiz Show.' The game show genre in the Philippines will be greatly improved if sponsors would be more willing to support the more intellectual shows. *(To be concluded)*

YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM AUG. 3 - AUG. 9

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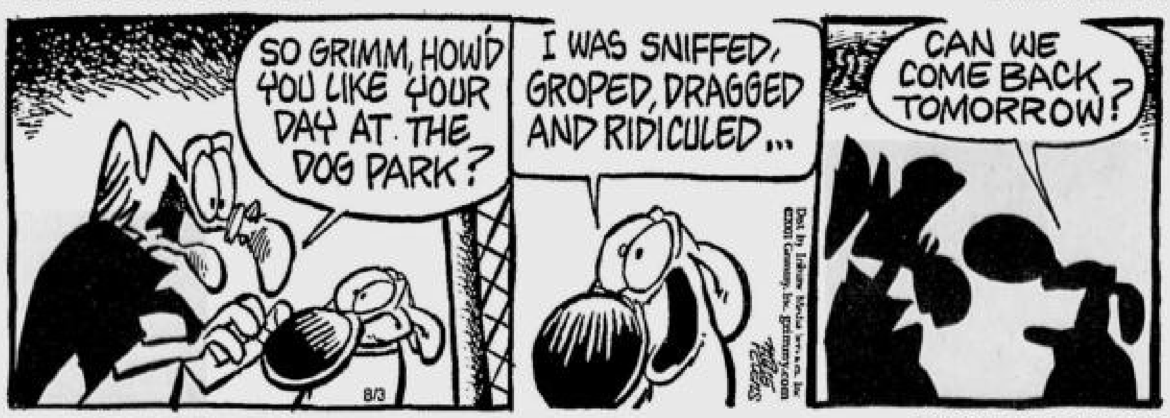
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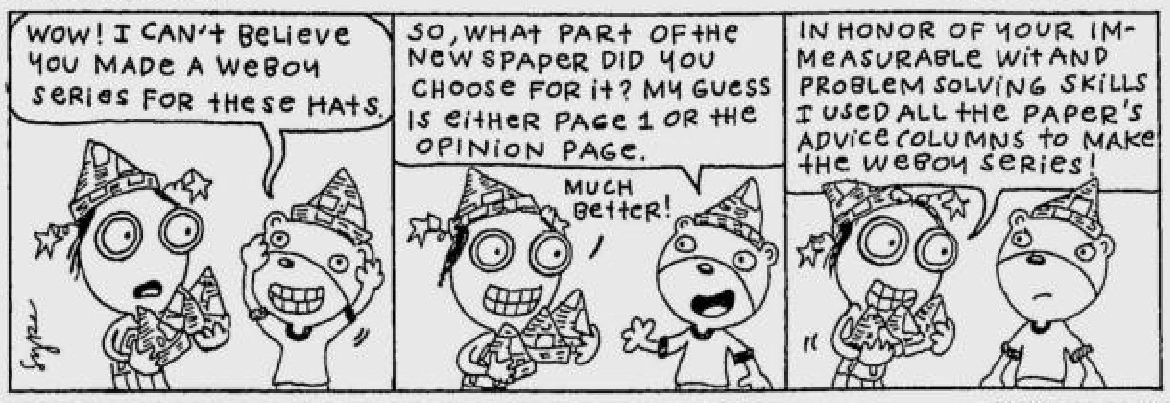
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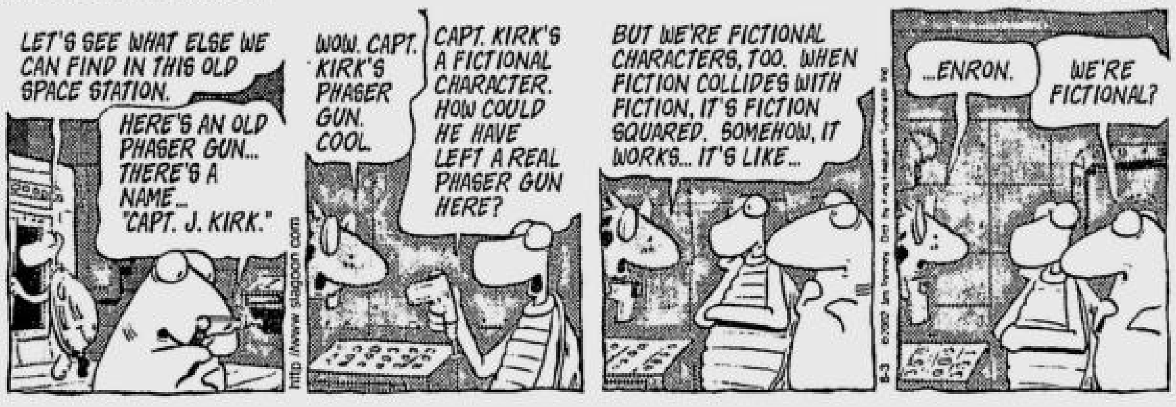
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WOW. CAPT. KIRK'S PHASER GUN. COOL.
CAPT. KIRK'S A FICTIONAL CHARACTER. HOW COULD HE HAVE LEFT A REAL PHASER GUN HERE?
BUT WE'RE FICTIONAL CHARACTERS, TOO. WHEN FICTION COLLIDES WITH FICTION, IT'S FICTION SQUARED. SOMEHOW, IT WORKS... IT'S LIKE...
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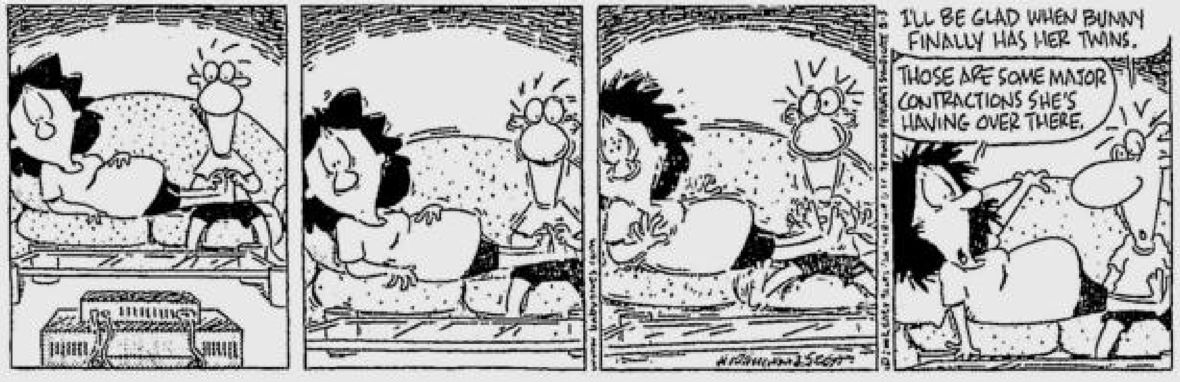
WE'RE FICTIONAL?

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


I'LL BE GLAD WHEN BUNNY FINALLY HAS HER TWINS.
THOSE ARE SOME MAJOR CONTRACTIONS SHE'S HAVING OVER THERE.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Martin Sheen, Tony Bennett, Anne Klein, Martha Stewart

Happy Birthday: Get moving on the creative ideas you have been pondering. It's time to trust in yourself and your abilities. You will have added charm and charisma that will help you sell yourself and your ideas. Your numbers are 10, 14, 19, 24, 27, 33

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can move into a position of leadership. Make friends with individuals who are in a position of power. Romance is likely to surface through the company you keep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be intuitive in your approach to life. You will know how to make money and what to do with it. Family outings will be more beneficial than you realize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Unusual circumstances will arise if you travel or get together with people from a different background. You will be astute and eager to learn all you can from those who take the road less traveled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Memories will surface today, leaving you feeling a little uneasy. You need to take care of private affairs that are not to your advantage. You will get the cooperation you need to get things done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be willing to contribute to an organization you believe in. The connections you make through this group will be beneficial to you in many ways. Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional instability will lead to problems with the people you have to deal with today. You must not let your dilemma interfere with your goals. Focus on what's positive in your life and strive to be your best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will find new and unusual ways to get your work done today. You will benefit through friends, groups and organizations you join. Travel will result in an exciting experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will do well with property investments. You may find unusual circumstances revolving around your financial dealings. You will run your home and activities in an unusual way and should open your door to friends and group meetings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be a little too aggressive when it comes to your partnership. Back off or you could find yourself out in the cold. Compromise in order to get through this day peacefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to charm others will give you the edge at community events. You will have a strong desire to live a glamorous lifestyle and you will do whatever is required to achieve it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will win the hearts of those you encounter today. You will actively pursue pleasure, friendship and romance. Let your creative talent develop.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will probably experience difficulties with someone you care for. You will have to work hard at keeping the peace to avoid an irreversible outcome. If you love this person, back down.

Birthday Baby: You will have all the pizzazz that's required to jump into the limelight. You will be quick, adaptable and quite able to wrap just about anyone around your little finger.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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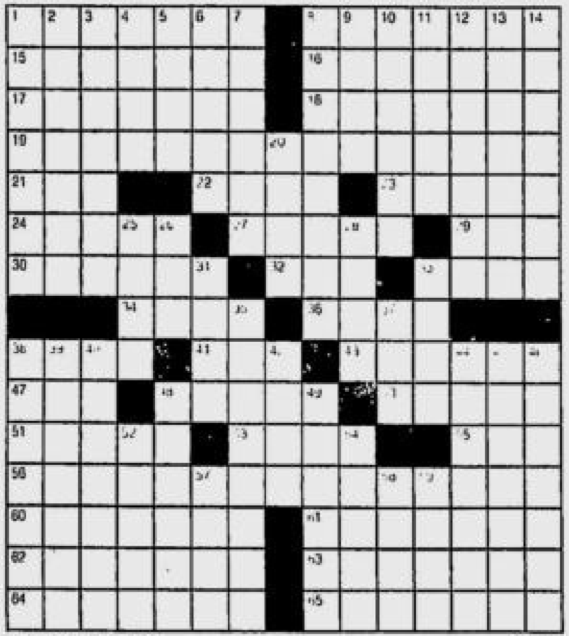

By James E. Buell
Edgewater, FL

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ACROSS

1 Snobbish
8 Large dog breed
15 Let loose
16 Turkey neighbor
17 Parched
18 Defame
19 Have repercussions for chickens?
21 Drill instructor's one
22 Philosopher Descartes
23 Fidelity
24 German industrial city in the Ruhr Valley
27 Arranges by category
29 Scottish explorer of the Arctic
30 Planter's tool
32 Bounding main
33 Pre-1991 atlas abbr.
34 Fanciful notion
36 Low spots
38 Charge per unit
41 Learn like a monkey?
43 Feudal lords
47 Opening day pitcher
48 Shell rival
50 Pleasant smell
51 Greenland town
53 Padlocked
55 High jinks
56 Stop being a black sheep?
60 Egocentric
61 Word-for-word
62 Cupped
63 Warren's Bening
64 Preserves fodder
65 Chit-chat subject

DOWN

1 Dining room pieces
2 By full-time staff
3 Fleeting appearance
4 Roll-call reply
5 Slung dish
6 Fur-trade pioneer
7 Seasoning herbs
8 Overcame
9 Woody's boy
10 Know-how
11 Male voice
12 Not outside
13 Gala events
14 Not as close
20 Genesis name
25 Actress Falco
26 Homer Simpson's neighbor
28 Caudal appendage
31 Quantity of paper
33 Manipulator
35 Disciples
37 Lindstrom or Zadora
38 Day-to-day grind
39 Truman's Secretary of State
40 Ancient Jutland residents
42 Resounding response
44 Emerge
45 Do likewise
46 Comic Adam
48 Lofty
49 Ban
52 Actress Susan
54 "To __ own self be true"
57 Church section
58 Sicilian mount
59 Yard divisions

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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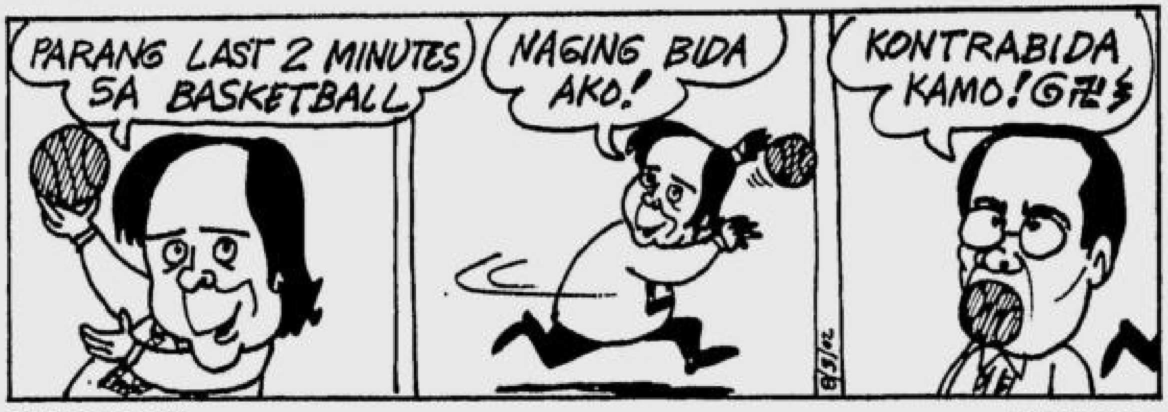
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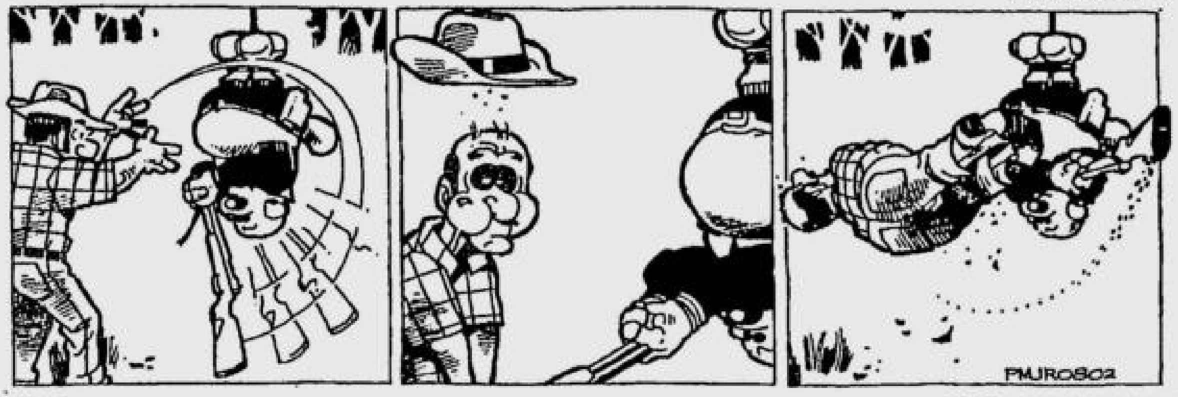

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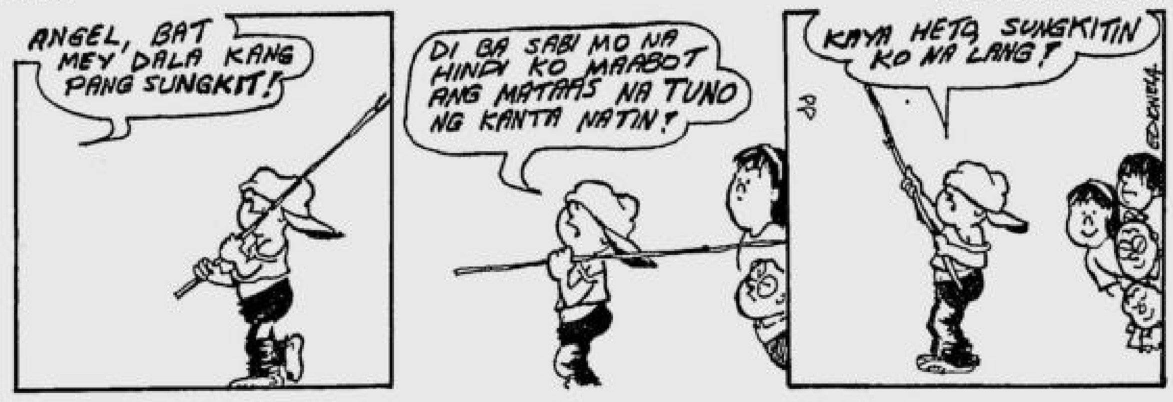
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DI BA SABI MO NA HINDI KO MAABOT ANG MATAAS NA TUNO NG KANTA NATIN?
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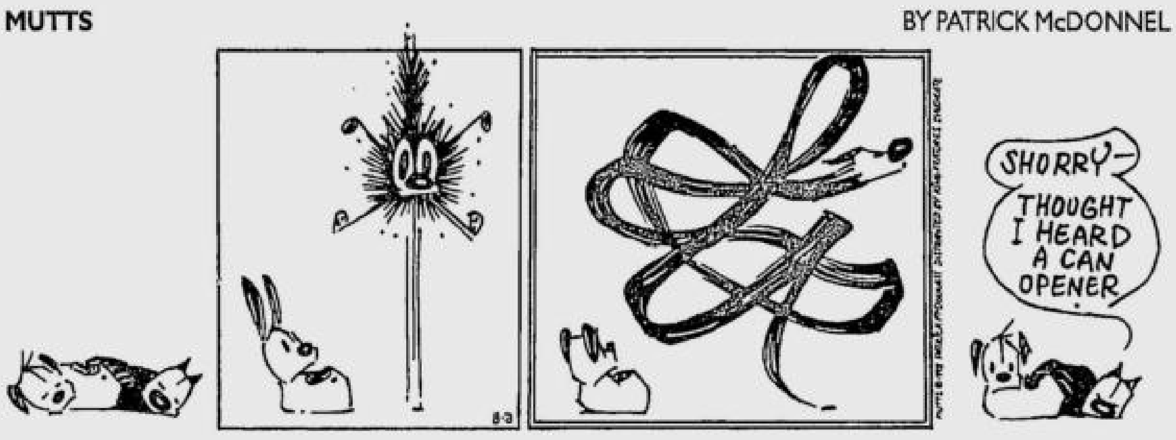
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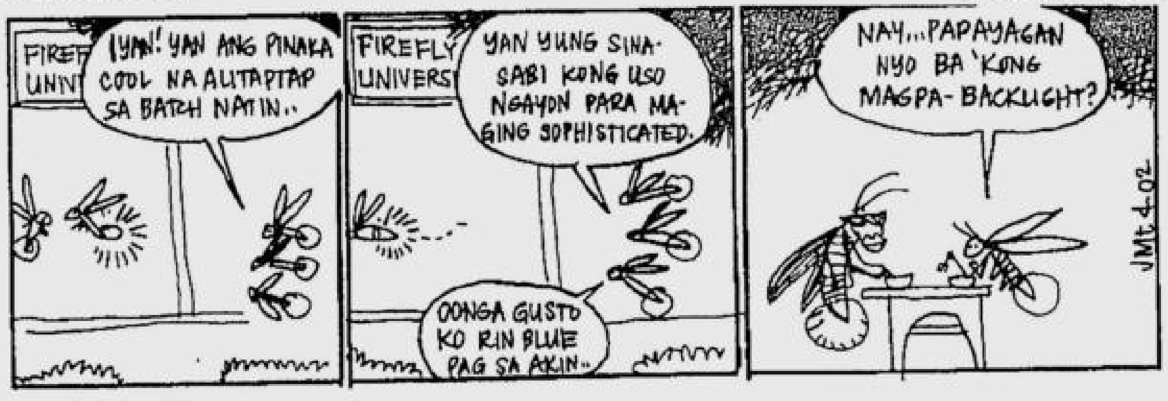
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YAN YUNG SINASABI KONG USO NGAYON PARA MAGING SOPHISTICATED.
OONGA GUSTO KO RIN BLUE PAG SA AKIN..
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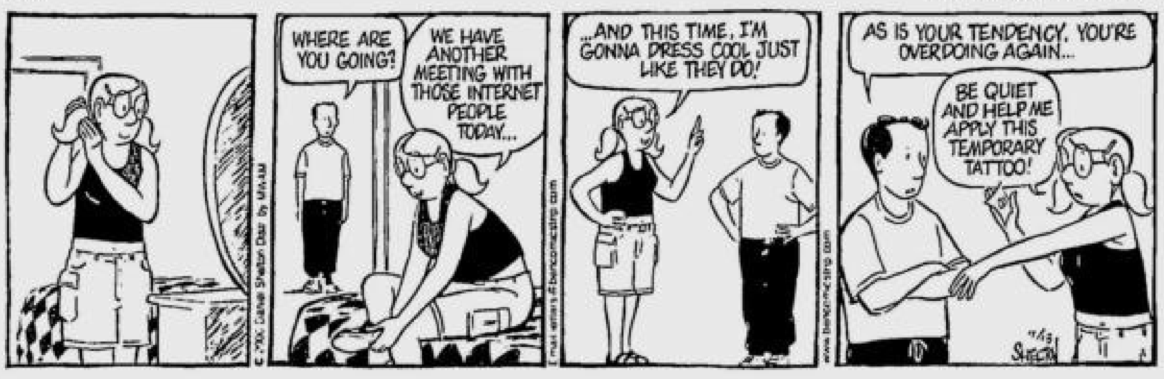
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WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WITH THOSE INTERNET PEOPLE TODAY...
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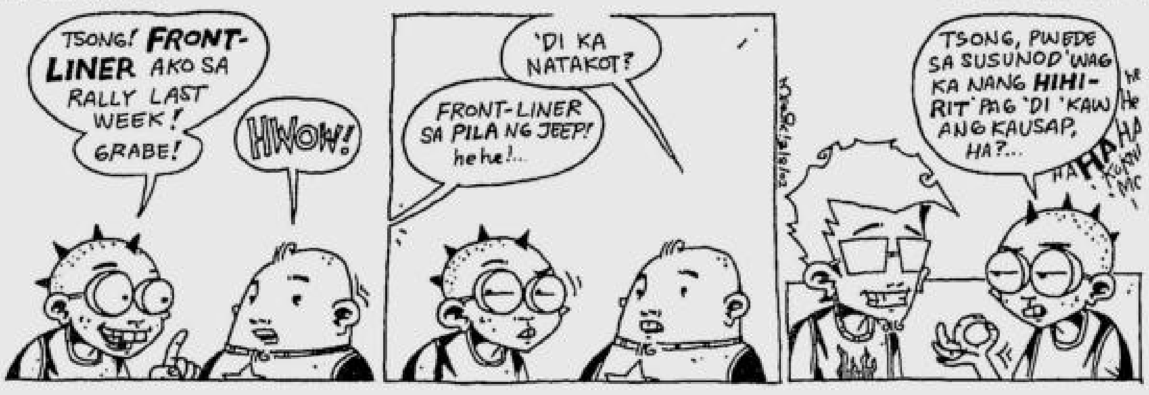
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FRONT-LINER SA PILA NG JEEP! hehe!...
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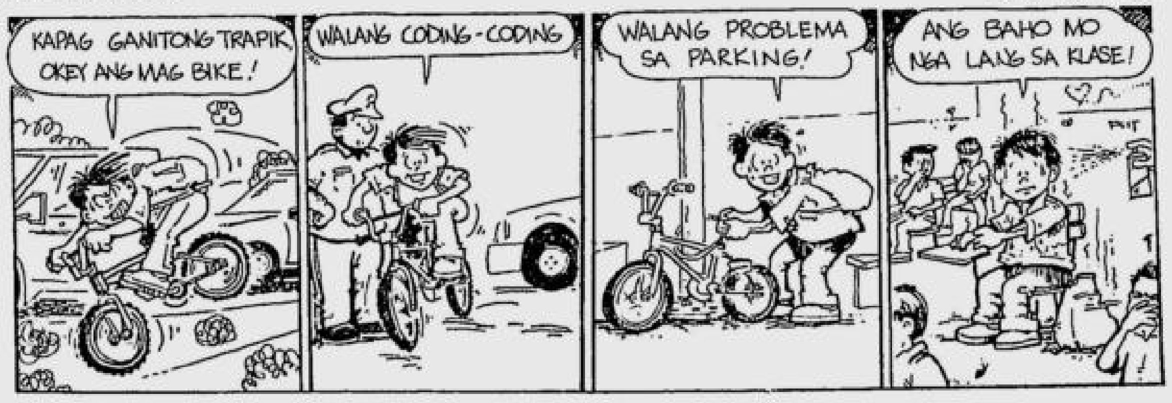
GENG'S GAMES

BY AMIEL RUFO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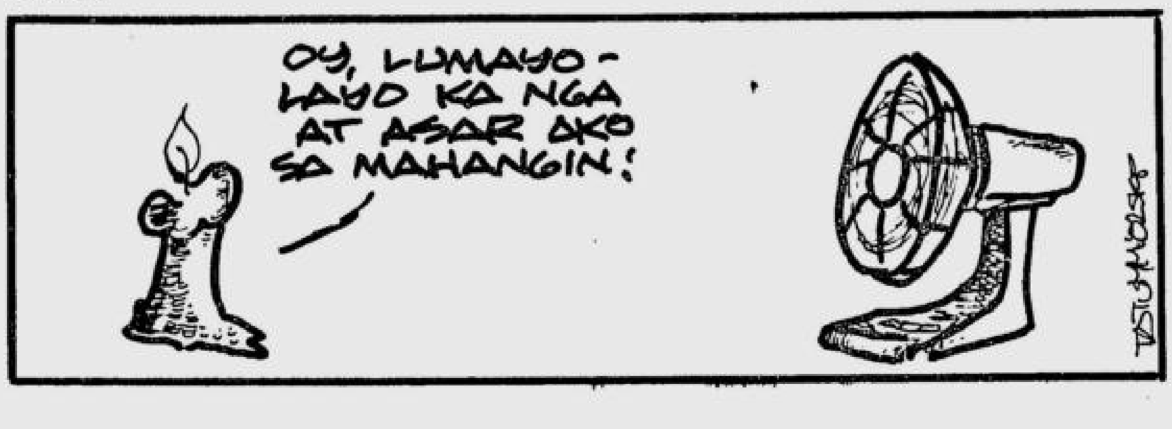

OY, LUMAYO-LAYO KA NGA AT ASAR AKO SA MAHANGIN!

Eddie Romero's 'Diwa': The way we were—and will continue to be

By Nestor U. Torre

(Continuation)

"DIWA'S" scope is so daunting that Eddie Romero started researching the project in the early '90s. It started to take firmer shape after he had finished work on his TV series on the "Noli."

(Incidentally, Romero's "Noli" will soon be telecast anew on Net 25—yet another indication of how Romero's works continue to influence successive generations of young Filipinos.)

Insights

Some insights gained from "Diwa"? Romero: "A nation has very little to do with government—*ang gobiyerno, nakikibagay lang sa* prevailing culture. *Kahit saan*, nations and governments are artificial constructs."

Plus: We started as a bunch of tribes, and most of those tribes' contacts were hostile in nature. Tribes attacked each other to capture slaves.

Chinese merchants who saw this happening found it picayune. It would be much better for us to think big and acquire land instead of slaves, they chided us.

Globalization

In any case, in Romero's informed view, we are tribal in attitude and practice until now—still "*kanya-kanya*." But globalization is unavoidable, and giant corporations are becoming even bigger than some governments.

The importance of nations has been diminished, and the dominant mind-set now espouses supra-nationalism, as exemplified by the European organization of states, and the even more recent union of African countries.

In wee contrast to these major developments elsewhere in the world, Romero dourly observes, "We still have a culture of dependence—new reincarnations of the *cabeza de barangay* of old, *pretending* to be providing for everybody."

Last Tuesday at 10 p.m. on IBC 13, we were able to catch the sixth episode of "Diwa," on Filipinos' first experience with revolt, the Palaris uprising in Pangasinan.

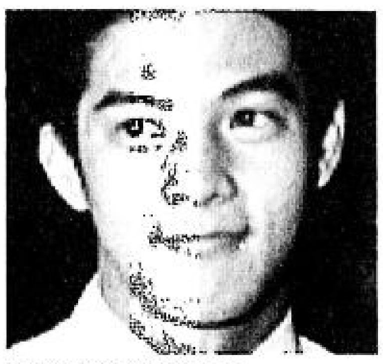
In the Palaris episode, directed by Mel Chionglo, Romnick Sarmenta and Cris Villanueva turned in strong performances as young Filipinos who were ordered by some Spanish friars to hunt Palaris and his men down, but ended up arriving at some unexpected realizations.

The episode had scope, pertinence and wit, occasionally reminding us of Romero's own "Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon," albeit on a smaller scale.

Dynamically presented historical episodes like this invite viewers, especially students, to regard the country's history as seminal and continually evolving.

This is a big improvement on the traditionally musty presentation of history as merely a collection of names and dates to be memorized, without making them come to bear on the present and the future.

Teachers would do well to assign "Diwa" for regular viewing by their students every Tuesday from here on in, until September. The schoolday following the weekly telecast, they could then discuss each episode in class, to identify and clarify the particular characteristic or value being dramatized, to see how it continues to come to bear on our attitudes and lives today.



SARMENTA. Strong performance in Palaris episode.

PAROKYA NI EDGAR. The band usually plays its own tunes, with only a few covers.

Backstage and onstage with Parokya ni Edgar

By Jocelyn Valle

(Conclusion)

AT 15 minutes past 7 p.m., as the technical crew continues with the sound check for Parokya ni Edgar's concert at Onstage, maintenance personnel clean up, ready to welcome the audience. An hour later, concertgoers start filling up the venue.

They're Parokya's main crowd: teenagers and 20-somethings. Though most of the older set are obviously the young ones' chaperones, some look like real followers of the band.

Dressing room

9:15 p.m., dressing room: The concert is advertised to begin at 9, but because of the bad weather, it's assumed that people will turn up late, thus the delay.

Chito, Buwi, Gab and Vinci while away the time chatting, eating and laughing. They have no need for the large mirrors and the light bulbs around them that ensure perfect application of make-up.

There are no costumes to slip on, either. The audience will be seeing them in their usual get-up of jeans and shirts.

In a corner, DinDin records the scene with a digital camera. He shares that everybody contributes to creating the show's line-up of songs. It's not really a chore because the band usually plays its own tunes (culled from their five albums, the latest of which is the recently released "Edgar, Edgar, Musikahan"), with only a few covers.

First time

Darius arrives, anxious. Chito offers comfort as he tells his bandmates to take the night's show just like any other gig. In truth, though, it's the first time that Parokya is performing in a venue like Onstage. They've done Hard Rock a few times, but this time, there are no tasty distractions. People will really troop to Makati to watch them.

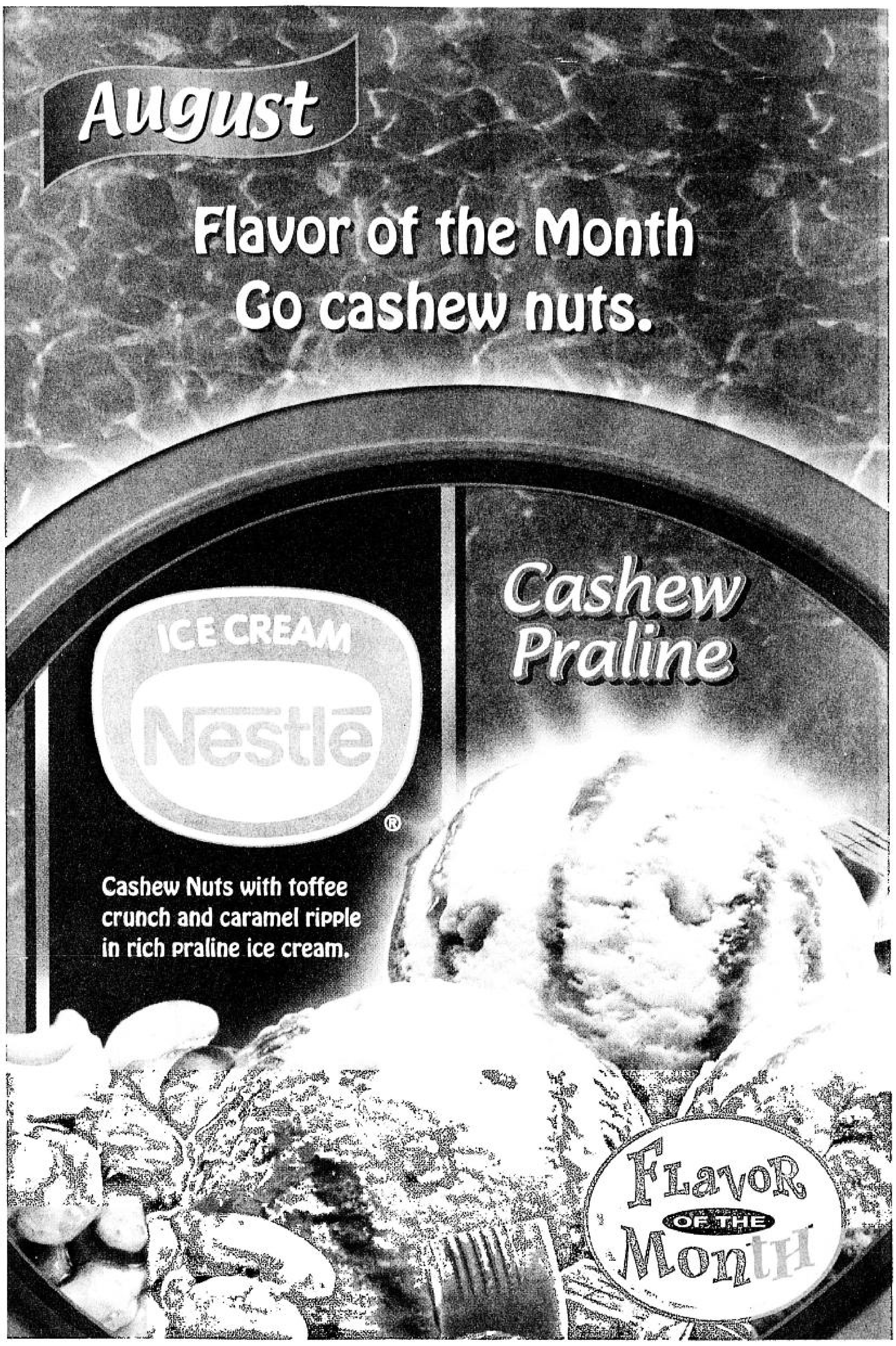
When asked if they are anything like the debauchery-personified rock stars we see in movies, Chito quips: "Where are the drugs, the girls and the clowns?" And laughs along with the other guys. Needless to say, the band known for irreverence is actually sober. Chito's only indulgence is smoking in between songs and spiels. Some members, meanwhile, prefer a few shots of scotch.

Circle

As Moonstar 88 is called to open the show, Chito, Vinci, Gab, DinDin, Dar and Buwi huddle to form a circle, with arms outstretched and hands touching, and pray.

Then they file out of the dressing room and take their positions with their instruments behind the curtain. On the other side, Moonstar 88 is down to its last note and leaves the stage immediately afterwards.

As the curtain rises, the audience greets Parokya ni Edgar with applause, shrieks and giggles. Chito replies with a confession: he can't believe that the venue is full, and thanks the crowd. Then, it's on with show—to everybody's delight!



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SINGER and actress Beyonce Knowles, center, is Foxxy Cleopatra in "Austin Powers in Goldmember."

Beyonce Knowles loosens up her diva image

By Anthony Breznican

LOS ANGELES—It took a man with rotten teeth, shaggy hair and wretched fashion sense to crack the diva facade of Beyonce Knowles.

Counterpoint

As a counterpoint to her haughty, glamorous, finger-wagging stage presence, the 20-year-old performer has symbolically let her hair down by teasing it into a gigantic Afro for the raunchy comedy "Austin Powers in Goldmember."

In person, Knowles—who plays crimefighter Foxxy Cleopatra, a parody of the 1970s' blaxploitation heroines—is soft-spoken, but her quiet demeanor masks the power she wields in the entertainment industry as the leader of Destiny's Child, a Grammy-winning R&B trio. Not only is she the main singer, she has co-written and produced many of their songs.

By making her big-screen debut in the second sequel to "Austin Powers"—a series known for tasteless sex jokes, bathroom sight gags and revolting villains—the elegant singer is trying to stretch her talents while showing audiences she doesn't take herself too seriously.

"She's not remotely a diva. When you know her, she's the last person in the world you'd say that about," said "Goldmember" producer John Lyons, who proposed Knowles to writer-star Mike Myers and director Jay Roach.

Impressed

Lyons said he was impressed by Knowles' starring role in MTV's hip-hop version of the opera "Carmen," set in modern-day Philadelphia instead of 19th century Spain.

"She had bad-itude," added Roach—a quality that came in handy for funky "Austin Powers" lines like "You're under arrest, sugar" and "You have the right to remain sexy."

In "Goldmember," Foxxy Cleopatra is an undercover police officer moonlighting as a nightclub singer when she encounters retro-superspy Austin Powers, who is tracking a villain with—as the title suggests—solid gold private parts.

"The audience decides how to feel about Austin through the leading ladies," Roach said. "The jokes deliberately bring you to the edge of maximum discomfort—you're supposed to go 'Ugh ...' But Foxxy is normal and cool, and she seems to like him, so that gives us permission to laugh."

As the lead singer in Destiny's Child, Knowles projects a seductive-yet-independent image in songs like their breakthrough 1997 hit "No, No, No," which includes the lyric: "If you keep actin' this way/ You're gonna lose my love/ I ain't got no time to play."

Singles

They perpetuated that image with the singles "Independent Women Part 1" and "Bootylicious" from the "Charlie's Angels" soundtrack"; "Say My Name," which won Grammys in 2001 for best R&B performance and best R&B song.

Along the way, the Houston-based group has sold more than 28 million records—and nearly self-destructed from infighting.

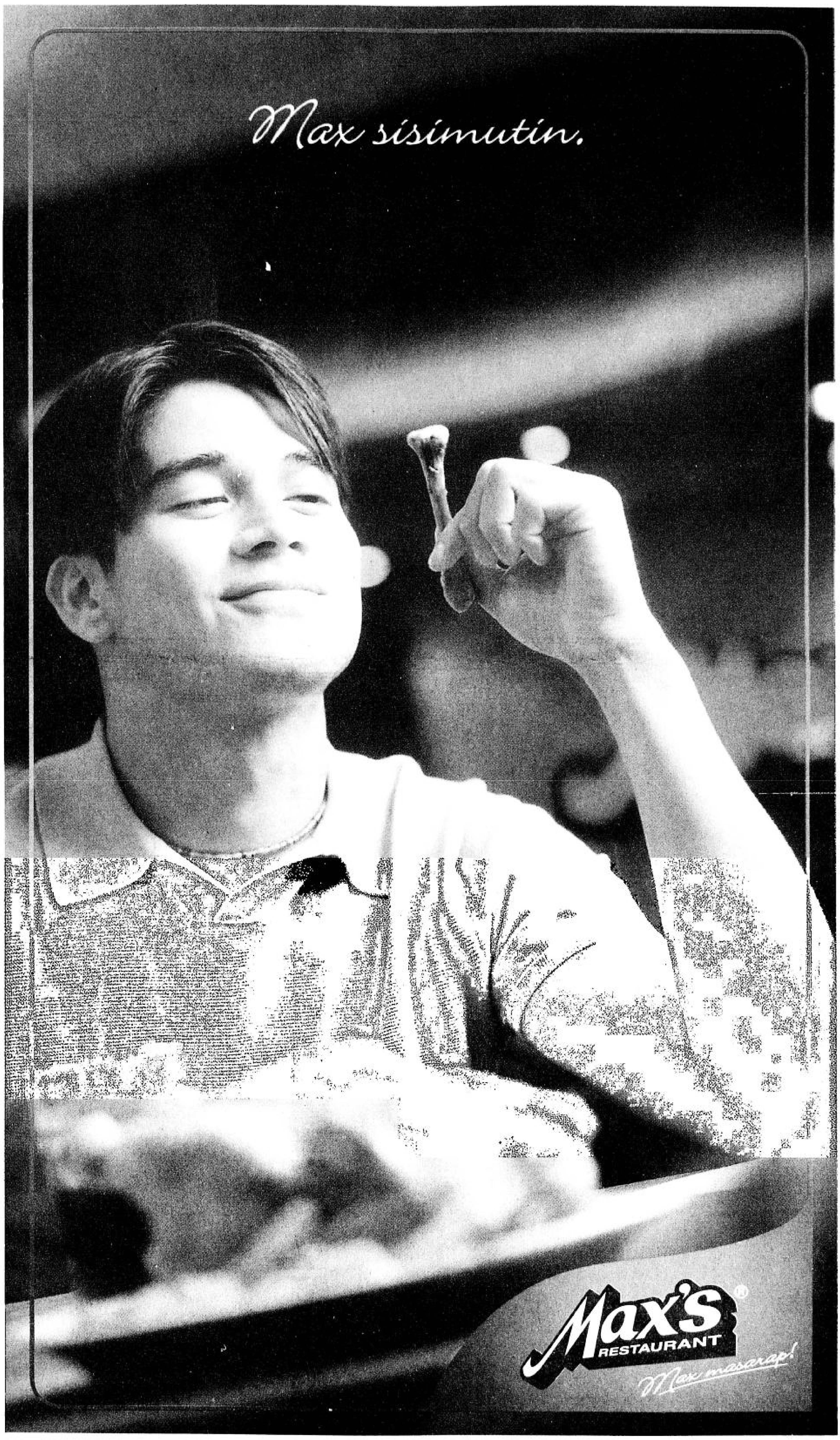
Destiny's Child—formed when Knowles was eight—featured her and fellow child performers, often wearing costumes designed by Knowles' mother. Originally a quartet, the group staged $2-shows at their homes for neighbors and friends and performed at malls for several years before signing with Elektra Records in 1993.

"My childhood was performing and music, but my mom made it her job to make sure we still had fun," Knowles said. "It was like having a slumber party every night."

But Elektra dropped the girl group and they struggled for two years before Columbia agreed to give them a chance.

They had a successful run with a self-titled 1997 album and their 1999 album, "The Writing's On the Wall."

Their original manager, Andretta Tillman, died of lupus in 1997, and Knowles' father, Matthew Knowles, took over. *AP*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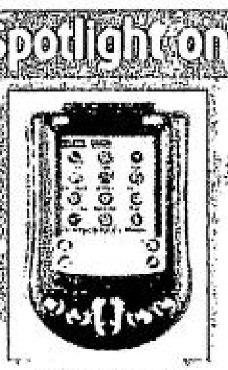

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Season for musical comebacks and revivals

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LAST week, we caught the Hotdog and Boyfriends' nostalgic show at Onstage Greenbelt. The place was full, an indication that musical revivals are "in" this season. It's time for other '70s or '80s groups to think of making their own musical comebacks. Paging the New Minstrels, Ambivalent Crowd and Circus Band!

Even more instructively, not all of the members of the audience were in their 40s and 50s. There were quite a number of relatively young people, and they appeared to be enjoying themselves as much as the "forgets."

The Boyfriends sang a number of their old hits and elicited strong applause from the appreciative crowd, despite the fact that their spiels were basic and awkward, and the show had little production design and pizzaz to it.

The Hotdog band was the main event but, surprisingly enough, it didn't do as well as the Boyfriends. There were only five bandmates onstage, so their sound was thin. Also, they put in too many non-Hotdog songs, so the audience's interest started to dissipate.

Finally, the female soloist was visually striking and vocally gifted, but she was given too many solo numbers. This was a Hotdog show, after all, so too many musical detours and alternate mini-showcases robbed it of its proper focus.

Still, the audience had a good time when the Hotdog did get around to performing its past hits, so all was not lost. All in all, the show was still a success, ending up with an A for nostalgia and a C for proper focus and repertoire.

Sing-alike contest

Home Radio 97.9 and MCA Universal are conducting a contest for male amateur singers who can sing like David Pomeranz, Ronan Keating or Martin Nievera, at SM Supermalls in Metro Manila and Pampanga. For auditions (at 28 Manga rd., Barangay Kaunlaran, Cubao QC), call 727-4011 to 22 for scheduling.

Weekly competitions will be held on Aug. 17 at SM City in Pampanga, Aug. 24 at SM Fairview, Aug. 25 at SM Southmall in Las Piñas City, Sept. 6 at SM City in Bacoor, and Sept. 18 at SM Manila. Finals are on Sept. 20 at SM City North Edsa.

Last weekend run

"Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon," Malou Jacob's hilarious satire, will have its final performances at the CCP on Aug. 3 and 4 at 2:30 p.m. Tanghalang Pilipino's play about petty intrigues in a government office paints a funny portrait of the corrupt Pinoy living a life of happy indifference and mindless irresponsibility.

Best of 'Asha Meets'

Every Thursday at 12 noon this month, Channel [v] Int'l. replays the best of "Asha Meets," the channel's popular chat program. Schedule of features: Aug. 8, music icon Lenny Kravitz; Aug. 15, reggae man Shaggy; Aug. 22, teen sensation Mandy Moore; Aug. 29, Darren Hayes.

'Lilo and Stitch' premiere

Disney's new animated feature, "Lilo & Stitch," will be premiered at 7 tonight at Cinema 1, SM Megamall. The comedy is about a young girl's close encounters with the galaxy's most wanted extraterrestial. The hit film is written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean Deblois.

'Jack and the Beanstalk'

The animated feature, "Jack and the Beanstalk," premieres on the Disney Channel at 7:30 tonight. Other playdates are on Aug. 4 at 11:30 a.m., Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 24 at 12 noon.

New telenovelas

ABS-CBN is airing two new telenovelas, "Mariana" and "Kristina."

A secret admiration blossoms into a troubled romance between Mariana and Alejandro in "Mariana," airirng weekdays at 10 a.m. Unfortunately for Alejandro, his best friend Oscar tries to seduce Mariana by taking credit for Alejandro's anonymous letters, which have made Mariana fall in love with him.

Meanwhile, "Cristina," airirng weekdays at 3 p.m., is about a mother's search for her long-lost daughter. Decades later, the mother now owns a big fashion house. One of her models is Cristina, who unknown to her is the very same child she put up for adoption years ago. To further complicate things, Cristina falls in love with her employer's stepson.

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The Hunks Collection of shirts, socks, accessories, eyewear, perfumes and pillows is now available at all SM department stores. Specifically, Aficionado kiosks carry Hunks perfumes, Unilever kiosks sell Hunks accessories, and Hunks eyewear can be found at Executive Optical shops.

ERRATUM

LAST June 8, the Saturday Special section ran an article on the Makiling Ensemble that used a photograph of the band supplied to us by the group.

It was only later that we were informed that the uncredited photograph was in fact taken by V Magazine's photographer Rommel Saniel, and was previously used in another article on the Makiling Ensemble, which appeared in the magazine's Christmas issue.

We regret the unintended oversight, and we are now making the correct attribution. Our apologies to V Magazine and to Mr. Saniel.—*The Section Editor*

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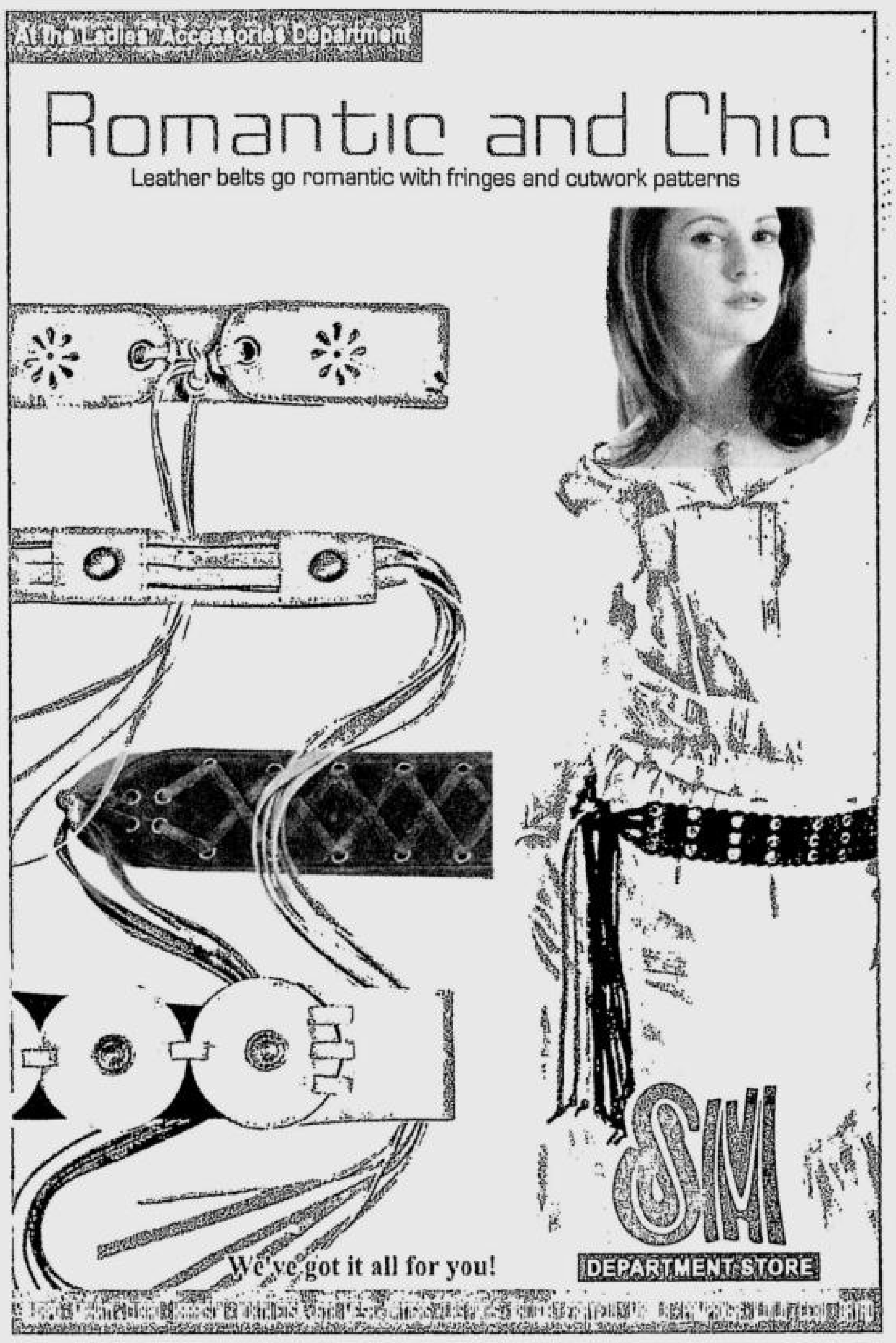

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WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

AS A frequent flyer, I would like to share some observations on some of my trips: Checking in is usually no problem, except for the long lines for extra inspection because of 9/11.

Brighter side

There is nothing that I hate more than to see a Pinay show a lack of patience with our "*kababayans,*" then break into a smile when dealing with foreigners. But there is a brighter side to flying:

On my trip back to Manila, I boarded a PAL flight and was seated at the entrance, where I was able to watch almost every passenger board the plane. There is nothing more pleasant than to see the smile of a *Pinoy* or *Balikbayan* after being greeted by a crewmember with a *"Magandang gabi po."*

Stepping into that plane is like taking your first step to the country, "at home *ka kaagad."* Even poeple who grew up abroad try to return the greeting with their *"baluktot"* Filipino. Nice!

It is a most convenient flight home, because it flies straight from Vancouver to Manila. There are many movies to choose from and the food has improved since I started flying frequently a year ago.

Simple dish

On the way here, I enjoyed a simple dish of boneless and skinless chicken *adobo* with herbs and garlic rice. One of the greatest additions to traveling on PAL is the *arroz caldo.*

I noticed, though, that the food from Vancouver is better than the meals served coming out of Manila. And the *arroz caldo* out of Manila is better than the one coming out of Vancouver.

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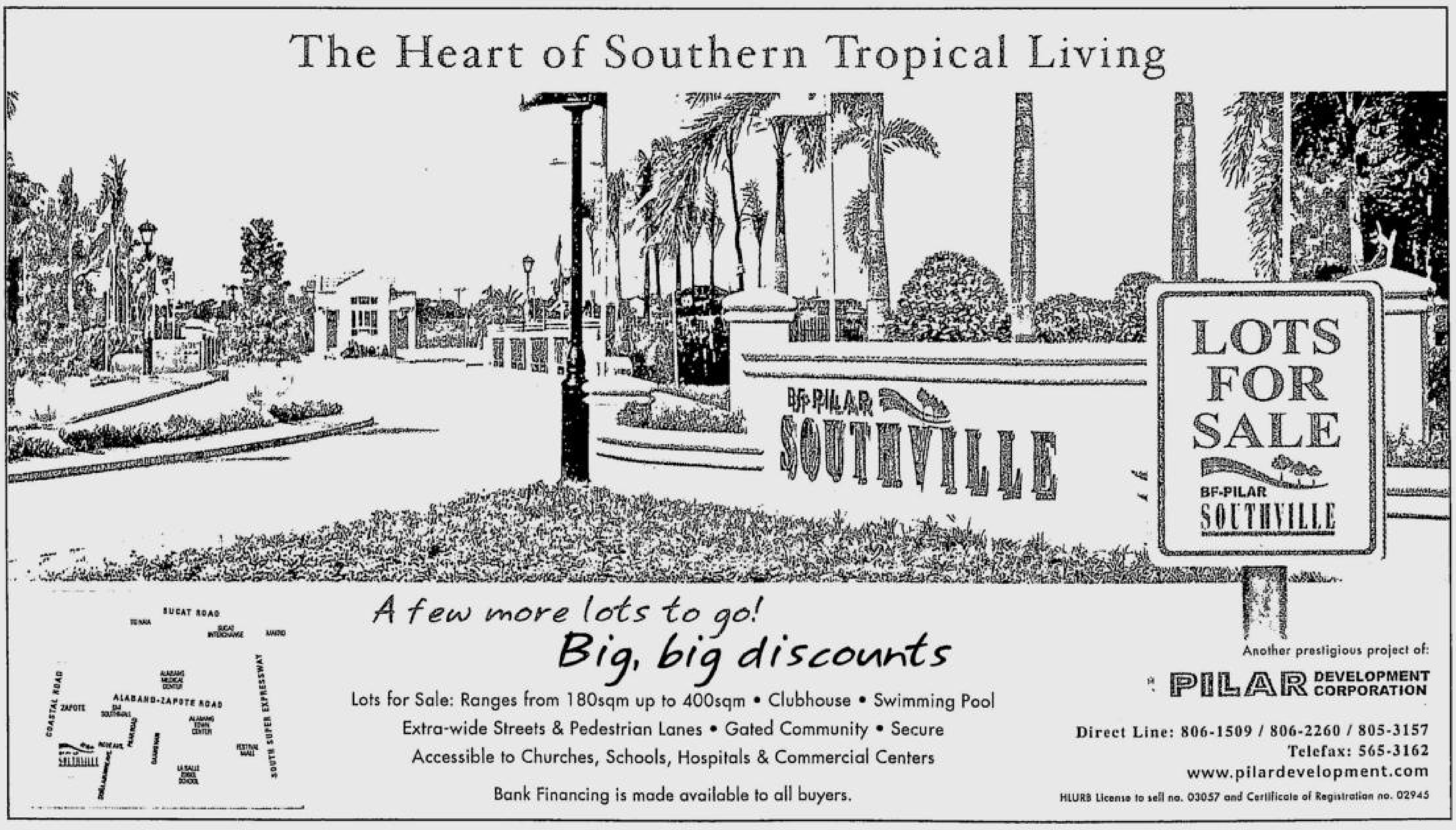
With the first impression of tourists on our flag carrier looking good, our next target is to make the biggest impression when they land. In my experience, the wait at the terminal for baggage claims is not as long as it used to be. There is a new image the customs people have been showing. They are no longer the scary bunch *Balikbayans* used to fear.

Lunch

In Vancouver, I attended a lunch where officials of our Department of Tourism played host. They were launching "Wow Philippines." The people who were there waited for the hosts for about an hour and a half. Some who had appointments had to leave.

I'm sure the officials had a legitimate excuse for being late, but when we're trying to attract others to come to our beautiful Philippines, being prompt is key to making a good impression.

I'm excited to be back and explore many new restaurants. I have tried a few promising ones, but I feel some will be gone in a year. Happy eating!



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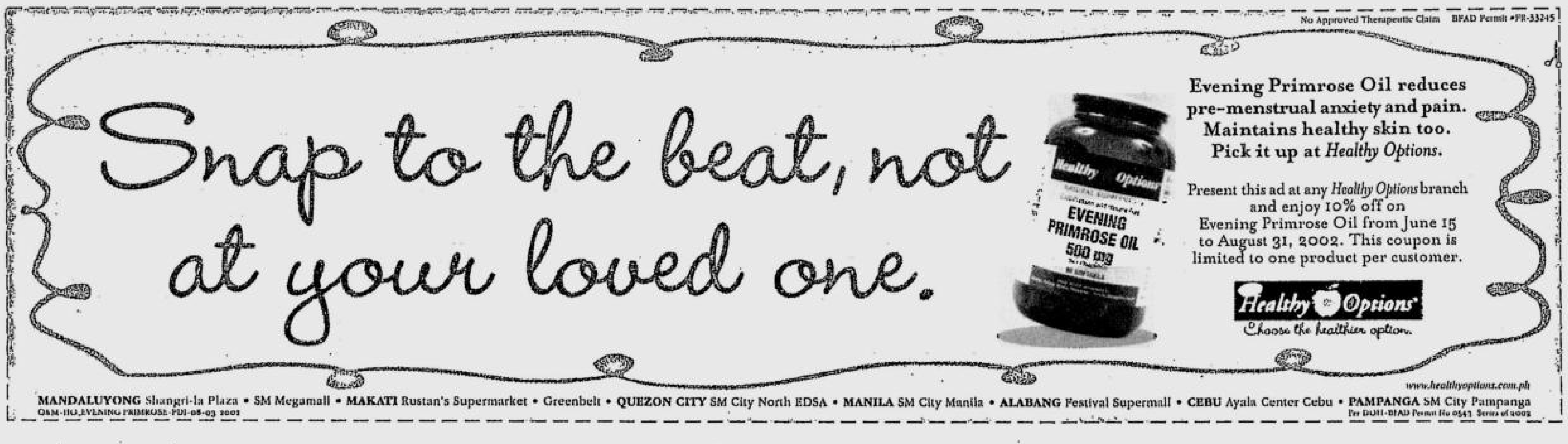

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By Behn Cervantes

IN the early days of American entertainment, there were families who worked in vaudeville as a group—singing, dancing and clowning around.

There were Eddie Foy and his children, for one. And Sammy Davis sang and danced with his father soon after he learned to talk and walk.

New opportunities

When cinema took over the fading luster of vaudeville, there were many performers who jumped ship and found new opportunities in the glitzy medium. Because they descended on Hollywood as families, the cinematic capital was soon deluged with sister acts, too.

Like the Gumms, born of vaudeville parents from Grand Rapids, Minnesota. When the parents divorced, the ambitious mother hauled her daughters to Hollywood. By then it was obvious that the youngest one, the little girl who first thrilled a crowd at the tender age of three with a heartfelt rendition of "Jingle Bells," had real talent.

Screen test

When MGM gave her a screen test, Roger Edens, her piano accompanist said, "It was the biggest thing to happen to the MGM musical." Her name was changed to Judy Garland, and the rest, as they say, is history.

THE GUMM sisters in performance, with little Frances, who would later be renamed Judy Garland, at right.

There was another set of sisters in Hollywood at about the same time. They were all good-looking, but the most ambitious of them all was the youngest, named Loretta. She had "big eyes and apple cheeks."

When director Mervyn Leroy called the Young home for sister Polly Ann for a role, Loretta went in her stead, since the sister was out of the house. Loretta Young bested her four other sisters with a screen presence that was "crisp and glamorous in the best tradition."

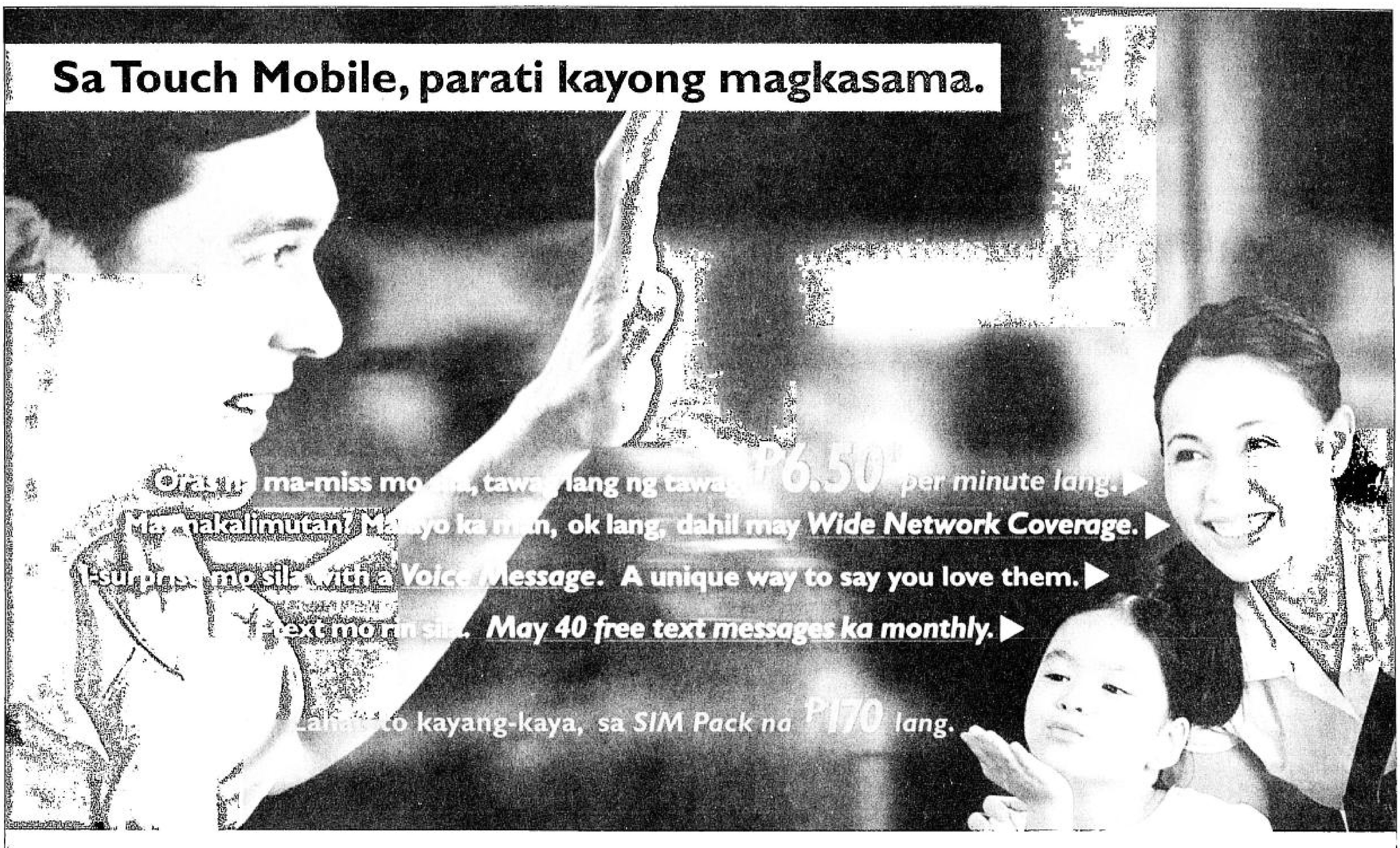
For a while, she was known as "Hollywood's hack," shifting from comedy to drama with great ease, and always elegantly dressed. It is said she became an expert in lighting and camera angles and always kept a mirror by her side to check out the camera requirements. Eventually, she was recognized with an Oscar for her performance in "The Farmer's Daughter."

Senior years

Remaining beautiful even in her senior years, she became active in religious projects, especially Father Peyton's "Family Theater" along with the likes of Ann Blyth. Nothing much is remembered of her sisters except for Georgina, who married Ricardo Montalban, whose career at MGM flourished when the Latin Lover craze was at its peak.

Another set of sisters was the Lane ensemble, although only Priscilla made it to the top, appearing as a vulnerable leading lady to tough young men like John Garfield in "Dust Be My Destiny" in 1939.

The Garfield film was described as "the story of a boy who went to reform school to forget what the environment had taught him… But he couldn't forget the school warden's daughter." Priscilla Lane was the predecessor of pretty, innocent young blondes like Hope Lange of the '60s. *(To be concluded)*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'Friends' producers mull over show's finale

By Steve Gorman

PASADENA, California—NBC Entertainment president Jeff Zucker recently left open the possibility that television's top-rated show, "Friends," might remain on the air beyond its upcoming ninth and presumed final year, but the show's producers say they are approaching the season as their last.

Comments

The comments from the trio of executive producers behind the hit comedy seemed to douse renewed speculation that "Friends" might still be around once the 2002-2003 season that starts in September comes to an end next May.

"We're certainly approaching this as of the last season and sort of planning our stories accordingly," Kevin Bright said.

"We have the feeling that creatively we're there," added Marta Kauffman, one of the co-creators of the show. "Not that we couldn't come up with another season if that were in front of us. But it does feel a bit like things are coming full circle, our characters are growing up… We don't want to overstay our welcome."

"FRIENDS." They don't want to overstay their welcome.

Gauge

Her partner, David Crane, dismissed using the upcoming season as a gauge for whether to go for one more year.

"I don't think you can use the season to evaluate that," Crane said. "If this was not going to be the last season, we'd have to know that right now, because everything is planning toward that."

When the latest renewal deal for the show was reached in February, which sources said would pay each of the six co-stars $1 million per episode, NBC and "Friends" producer Warner Bros. Television said the 2002-2003 season would be the show's last. The year before, many suggested the comedy about six perky, coffee-drinking singles in Manhattan had already peaked.

But with a popular storyline culminating with Rachel giving birth to a child fathered by Ross, "Friends" enjoyed one of its most successful years yet and was the most watched show in prime time last season.

How will the sitcom finally end? The writers say they want to leave the series with all six of the principal characters feeling "happy."

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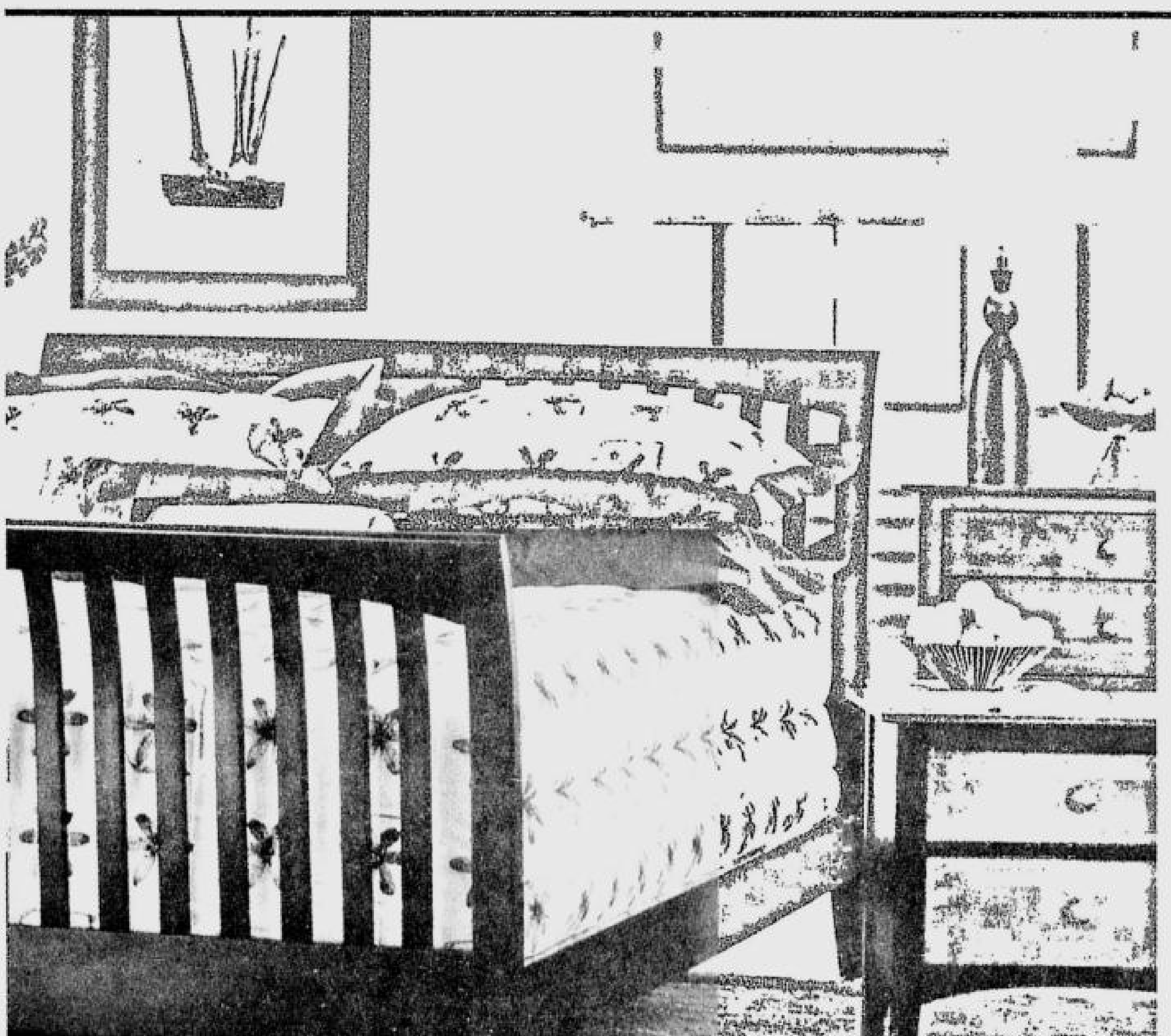

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Barbra bares her heart in 'Timeless' concert

By Nestor U. Torre

(Conclusion)

WHEN Barbra Streisand sings "Putting It Together" in her "Timeless" concert, the song reveals itself to be the show's major theme. As the star looks back on her more than 40 years in entertainment, she does more than recall highlights and achievements, she's bent on discovering what all her years in show business *mean*.

Beyond fame and fortune

Was she there merely to entertain, to stun audiences with her unique singing, acting and directing skills? Beyond the fame and fortune, what did her career signify?

As she sang "Putting It Together," a flurry of old photos and TV-film clips showed her slowly but surely getting her act and persona together.

Changing gowns along the way, she segued to her inspiring anthem, "On A Clear Day, You Can See Forever," and the second half of her concert opened itself up to even more absorbing musical influences, eventually peaking with Stephen Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns."

Vulnerable side

Then, Streisand turned uncharacteristically personal, allowing viewers to see a private, vulnerable side to her that has pretty much remain hidden all these years: She never really got to know her father, and her yearning for him has impelled some of her most creative involvements, like the film, "Yentl."

As she sang "Papa, Can You Hear Me?," a song from that film, which she both starred in and directed, Streisand bared her heart to her audience as never before. Finally, the supremely self-confident prima diva showed herself to be a lonely, yearning girl singing about her love for a father who didn't stay around long enough so she could express her love to him, heart to heart.

Emotional highlight

This was the concert's emotional highlight, and the moment also helped define Barbra as never before.

There were more highlights to come after that, most significantly an inspiring song about children that Barbra sang while dressed in a white gown that was partially made out of her bridal veil.

No picnic

It was at around this point that Streisand started to tire. It was no picnic to star in a two-hour "retrospective" concert in which she sang many of the demanding songs that had made her so famous, and in which she was often the only singer!

But she gave the difficult show everything she had, despite the toll that its rigorous format was taking on her. In so doing, she revealed another key reason why she had become such a major star, adored all over the world: She lived to sing for her audience, and they rewarded her great generosity by making her a singing star for all musical seasons.

When "Timeless' finally ended, Streisand concluded her performance with a particularly long note that she held for many seconds. The SRO audience roared in appreciation, as it often had earlier in the show, and Streisand was exultant, thrilled to realize that her last live performance before an audience had also been her best.

STREISAND. Great generosity.

Bohol beckons with beaches, festivals and nature

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

BOHOL is more than the visual splendor of the Chocolate Hills. There is also the Sikatuna-Legazpi Blood Compact Marker, and the Baclayon Church, one of the oldest churches in the country, with its treasure trove of antiques.

Blood compact

The locals call the blood compact the *"Sanduguan"* and in celebration of its 437th anniversary, a group held the "Sandugo sa Kalinaw 2002" from July 14 to 25, 2002. The sponsor of this event, the Bohol International Eco-Cultural Fiesta, is the Boholano Foreign Friendship Foundation Inc. (BFFFI) headed by Hans Schoof, a generous German from Wiesbaden, Germany residing in Bohol with his pretty Boholano wife, Lani, and BFFFI's executive director is the tireless Lutgardo Labad.

Heritage

This unique celebration puts emphasis on heritage, arts, culture, tourism and ecology, all for the cause of peace. It provides an internationalist dimension and a peace perspective to the Sanduguan Festival.

There were painting competitions. The Omni Arts Visual Group headed by its project director, Wally Trinidad of Fiesta Tours brought in known artists like Al Perez, Roland Santos, Nards Miranda, Rufo Sunga, Andy Urag, Jess Gellada and Olan Alcantara. They taught basic painting to about 500 youths during the festival. The artists were ferried through the courtesy of WG&A. *(To be concluded)*

SAIL-PAINTING competition winner Eric Catot.

ABS announces program changes

By Edmund L. Sicam

ABS-CBN held two presscons this week to introduce its new morning shows.

Starting Monday, Aug. 5, the early morning slot on ABS-CBN will no longer be called "A La Singko Y Medya." The new show is called "Magandang Umaga, Bayan," which was the name of its 7 a.m. newscast aired within "ASYM."

Issues

"MUB," which now airs at 5 a.m. the better to compete with GMA's "Unang Hirit, will be "not just news and not just features" and "will bring together many of the country's top news and current affairs personalities in a marathon three-hour daily telecast that spotlights all the day's issues in one convenient stimulating TV package."

The change does not mean a complete overhaul of the on-cam talents. The three main hosts, Julius Babao, Cheryl Cosim and Erwin Tulfo, used to do the morning news report. We were told that "ASYM" experienced a significant rise in the ratings when the three did their stuff at 7 a.m., so they have now been given more airtime. Joining them are Bobby Yan and Pia Guanio.

Julius is back to his old job but without his real-life partner Tintin Bersola. The pair lost their "Talk TV" hosting jobs to the "Morning Girls," Kris Aquino, Pops Fernandez and Zsa Padilla.

Julius told the press, though not convincingly, that the network probably wanted the two of them to develop separate identities. He explained that he was a mere soldier and would obey what the network generals asked.

Other talents

Other talents: "TV Patrol's" Aljo Bendijo and Catherine de Castro, who will do the five-minute newscast; Rep. Miguel Zubiri who will host a public service portion; Mario Dumaual and Jeff Hernando with entertainment news, and dzMM's Winnie Cordero and movie writer Ogie Diaz.

Then at 10:30 a.m., the triumvirate of Kris, Pops and Zsa takes over on "Morning Girls." Kris, like Julius, is back in her old time slot, but she's not alone. Her two pals are with her to discuss women's issues from their perspective as personalities who have gone through a lot in their personal lives. That means they can easily relate to the problems of women who will guest on their show.

With this new show, Kris will now be seen twice a day on weekdays and once on Sundays. Why did the controversial host accept the job? It may sound corny to some but Kris says it was her way of thanking ABS-CBN, which has stuck with her through thick and thin and given her many breaks. She emphasizes that she's not doing it for the money, which is not substantial compared to her other shows.

Kris did admit that "Game KNB" would probably not last as long as a talk show. By 2003, she expects the game show to run its course and give way to newer formats. On the other hand, a talk show with the right hosts and features can run for a long time. Look at "Oprah!"

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TWO FOR THE SHOW

Pops Fernandez is in full control of her life

By Mary Ann A. Bautista and Ricky T. Gallardo

POPS Fernandez's progress and maturity as an artist are becoming increasingly evident. She isn't a powerful belter, but she chooses her songs wisely to connect with her audience.

She has no qualms about helping upstarts. "It's nice to help other people get started, because when I was just starting, many people backed me up. I was overjoyed *dahil kay bagu-bago ko pa lang, nagpe*-perform *na ako* with the big names in the industry," she recalls.

Pops is in full control of her life. Her inspirations are her two sons and she's very proud of them. "I am very grateful because I see them growing up as polite boys who are smart and intelligent. I always talk to them on a mature level and they easily understand.

JETT Pangan stars in the new musical "Tick, Tick...Boom."

"When drastic changes happen in our family, I consult them right away before they hear it from somebody else. Call it a mother's touch, I make then understand that it is never their fault and everything happens for a reason," she shares.

She and her ex-husband Martin Nievera have become better friends. "We all aim to achieve happiness in life, and I presume that he has found his," she says.

"Where the kids are concerned, we have nothing to argue about. I would never hesitate to allow my sons to be with him on weekends, unless there is a grave reason. Being friends is the ultimate thing that Martin and I can do for each other."

She hopes to write scripts and direct in the future.

Rousing success

Jett Pangan, the lead vocalist of the Dawn, topbills the musical "Tick, Tick... Boom," inspired by playwright Jonathan Larson's years as a struggling artist. Not a few raised their eyebrows when they learned that Pangan got the coveted role of Jon, but after we saw him, we couldn't think of a better choice.

Pangan's voice—both speaking and singing—was crystal-clear and his enunciation was almost flawless. He was able to show his character's angst, eccentricity, vulnerability and passion without much effort.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKSHELF

Detailed study of effects of obscenity and pornography

By Noelani Torre

(Conclusion)

"WE ARE living in a permissive society" wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning Clive Barnes in his introduction to the book, "The Report of the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography. "And yet few of us can decide how permissive we want our society to be—or, alternatively, how nonpermissive we think our society should become."

Civil turmoil

Barnes was speaking of American society during the 1970s, a period, according to David Edwards in "Politics and Pornography," "of war, civil turmoil and a dominant liberal ideology."

The 1960s and '70s was the period of agitating liberals, civil rights, and free love. We thus found it strange that such a commission was even created.

Edwards illuminates us on this point, stating the reasons behind the Commission's creation and the later Meese Commission of '86 was "a desire to focus public concern on a target which could be easily attacked in order to divert attention from underlying social problems which are not amenable to politically innocuous solutions."

The report's preface says, "Congress, in Public Law 90-100, found the traffic in obscenity and pornography to be 'a matter of national concern.' The Federal Government was deemed to have a 'responsibility to investigate the gravity of this situation and to determine whether such materials are harmful to the public, and particularly to minors, and whether more effective methods should be devised to control the transmission of such materials.'

To this end, the Congress established an advisory commission whose purpose was "after a thorough study which shall include a study of the causal relationship of such materials to antisocial behavior, to recommend advisable, appropriate, effective, and constitutional means to deal effectively with such traffic in obscenity and pornography."

And did the American Congress get the report that they wanted? No. Says Edwards in his essay: "When a preliminary draft of the report was leaked to a House subcommittee, they discovered 'to their unconcealed horror' that the commission's findings were the opposite of what the congressmen expected."

Responsible

They expected to be told that obscenity and pornography were indeed responsible for antisocial behavior, that these caused people to be more sexually promiscuous, led people to commit acts of sexual violence, etc. The "Report" said otherwise.

According to the Effects Panel of the Commission, "Empirical research designed to clarify the question has found no reliable evidence to date that exposure to explicit sexual materials plays a significant role in the causation of delinquent or criminal sexual behavior among youth or adults."

The panel compiled empirical data on the effects of pornography on sexual behavior, attitudinal responses, emotional and judgemental responses, and criminal and delinquent behavior.

They discovered that "established patterns of sexual behavior" were "very stable and not altered substantially by exposure to erotica;" that "exposure to erotic stimuli appears to have little or no effect on already established attitudinal commitments regarding either sexuality or sexual morality; that "delinquent and nondelinquent youth report generally similar experiences with explicit sexual material"; and even that "statistical studies of the relationship between availability of erotic materials and the rates of sex crimes in Denmark indicate that the increased availability of explicit sexual materials has been accompanied by a decrease in the incidence of sexual crime."

The language is dry, scientific, and as objective as possible. The report doesn't need sensationalism to capture attention, its subject matter already does. To conclude, the commission's majority report was: "Public opinion in America does not support the imposition of legal prohibitions upon the right of adults to read or see explicit sexual materials."

We are family

FACE TO FACE

Inday Badiday

DEAR Clara,

I'm quite excited to write you, but as I now sit in front of an empty computer screen, I feel a sense of trepidation. What will I tell you, how will I say it, will I make sense to you at all?

Awe and wonder

You are an endless source of awe and wonder. You look every inch the innocent girl I've always known you to be, but there are times when I catch a glimpse of the little lady who gives me the feeling she knows a lot more than she lets on—and this scares me sometimes.

The past days, I've been wrestling with how much I really know you. On one hand, I'm sure, I know a lot—but, on the other hand, I know very little. For one, it has really only been of late that I've settled into the serious business of knowing you—I mean, *really* knowing you.

In the past, I took you for granted simply because the things you thought important were quite silly to me. And I practically ignored the growth processes and experiences you had to go through because I had other priorities.

For another, because of the near-but-distant relationship we have, I think, you have chosen to create a world all your own to which you withdraw each time you are hurt, or lonely, or so alone because I was there but wasn't really there for you.

Incident

I remember an incident when you were five or six. I was with your dad in our room when we heard you scream. We rushed to your bedside.

You were seated on the bed, crying your guts out. We asked you what was wrong, but you just kept on crying. But I could never forget the look in your eyes—there was rage. I never knew until then that children that young were capable of such intense emotion.

My dear Clara, I've thought long and hard about what to write to you and I've decided to tell you about family—not just about our family in particular, but about family in general.

There was this story of a rich man's son who wanted a car as a college graduation gift from his dad, who was tight with money. Upon his graduation, his dad gave him a book entitled "How to Be a Millionaire." He was so disappointed that he packed his things and left his family to find his place in the sun.

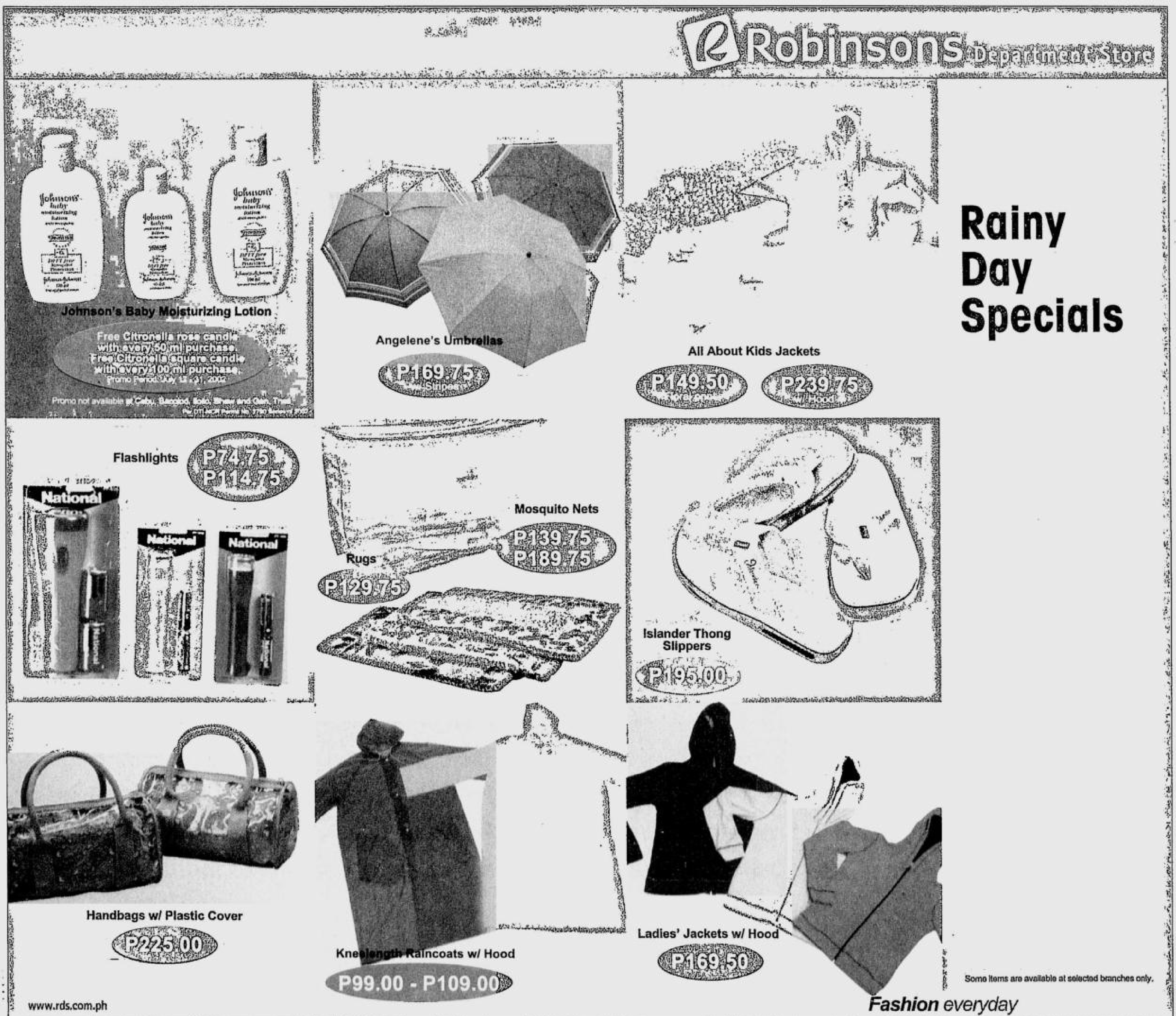
Book

Years passed. Impelled by his desire to prove to his dad that he could become a rich man without his help, he labored and toiled and soon became a millionaire himself. All the time, he never went back home—until his dad died. Upon arrival at their old house, he went straight to his room. There he found the book his dad gave him as graduation gift. "I didn't need a book to become a millionaire," he sniffed.

He rifled through the book, and froze. Inserted in the book was a check for a million dollars, and a letter from his dad that said: "I'm so proud of you, Son. Buy with this the car of your dreams."

My dear Clara, we have a family that's unique. When God made our family, He didn't use the usual mold. He had to make a truly special one just for us. This did not make us better or worse than others—just different. Sometimes, this makes it easier for us to live our lives—but there are also times when it makes it very difficult.

(To be concluded)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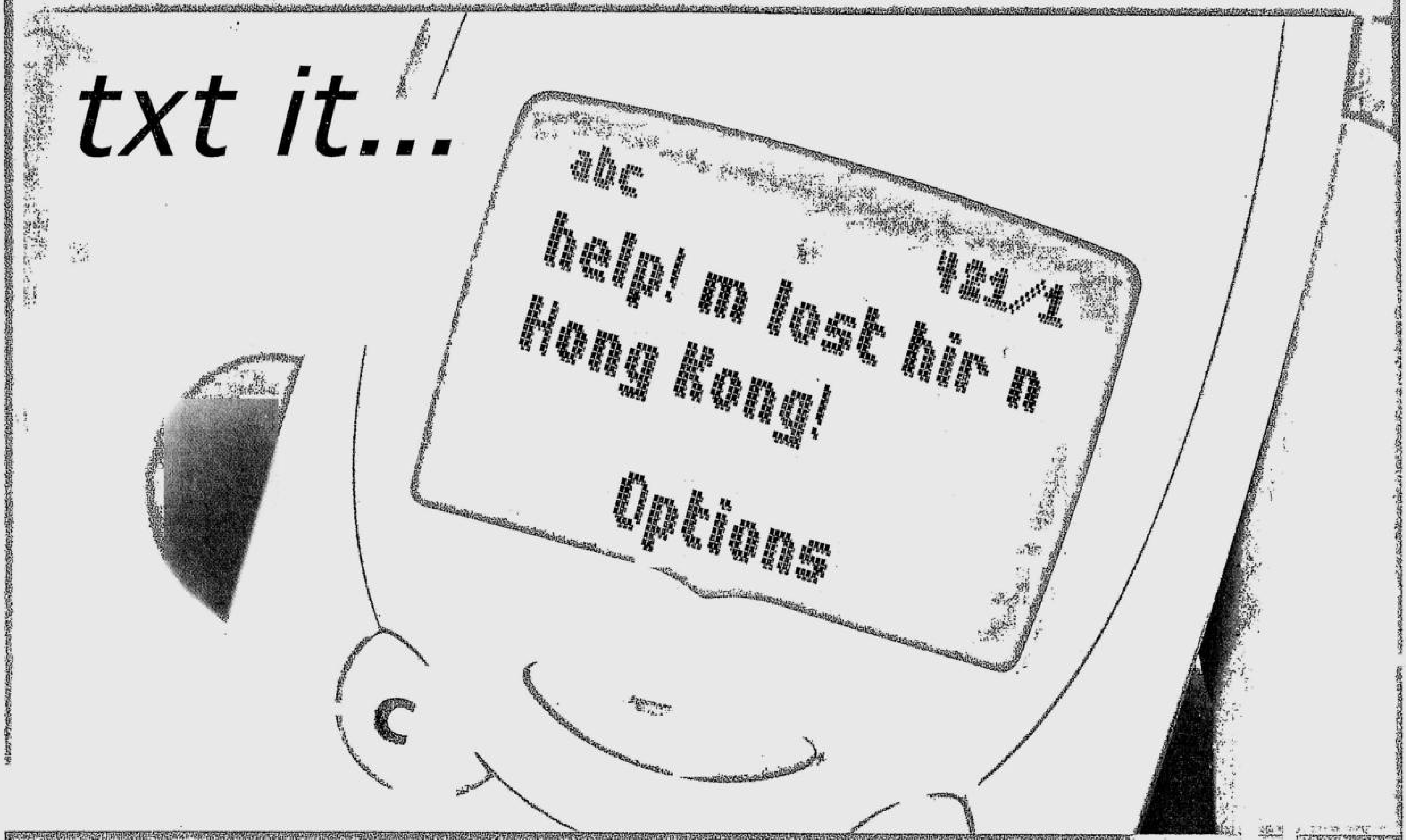
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When you feel there are ghosts around and you don't know what to do, who are you gonna call?

The Ghost Writers!

By Margaux C. Ortiz

EVER been afraid of ghosts, goblins and other scary creatures lurking around?

A group of brave grade school girls from Kostka may just have the formula to scare your fear away: they write ghost stories!

It has been a year since twins Laraine Diane and Laura Janelle Abad, Liz Angeli Ong, Maria Lyn Zablan, and Anna Carmela Llamson decided to form the Ghost Writers Club. The girls are now fifth graders at Kostka Grade School.

"It all started with our fascination with ghosts haunting school comfort rooms," says Laura.

"Then one day Lyn and I had this creepy encounter with a ghost at one of the toilet stalls," Liz pipes in. "I got the idea of writing a story about our experience and shared it with all of them."

"I got inspired with what Liz did so I wrote a couple of ghost stories when I got home," grins Laura. "The next day, I let my friends read my stories and we all got this idea to form a club."

The Ghost Writers Club

Laura and Laraine's mom gave the girls the idea to name their group "The Ghost Writers Club." She explained that ghost writers are people who write mainly about ghosts, so the girls decided that it was a perfect name for their club.

"The main requirement for our club's members is to write ghost stories," emphasizes Laraine. "A member should be able to share the stories she wrote with the rest of us."

Laura adds that their stories, no matter how creepy they might be, are not meant to scare people.

"We write ghost stories to help kids like us have the courage they need so they won't be afraid of ghosts anymore," clarifies Laura. "The more we write and read ghost stories, the less we get scared because we eventually get used to the idea."

"And besides, we put in mind that the story's characters and plot are imaginary," agrees 11-year-old Carmela, the eldest in a group of 10-year-olds.

The club gained a new member when the twins' younger sister Stephanie Pearl wrote a story about a pretty but disobedient girl who got eaten by a monster.

"My sisters asked the other members if I could also be a ghost writer," says 7-year-old Steffie. "I was so happy when they agreed."

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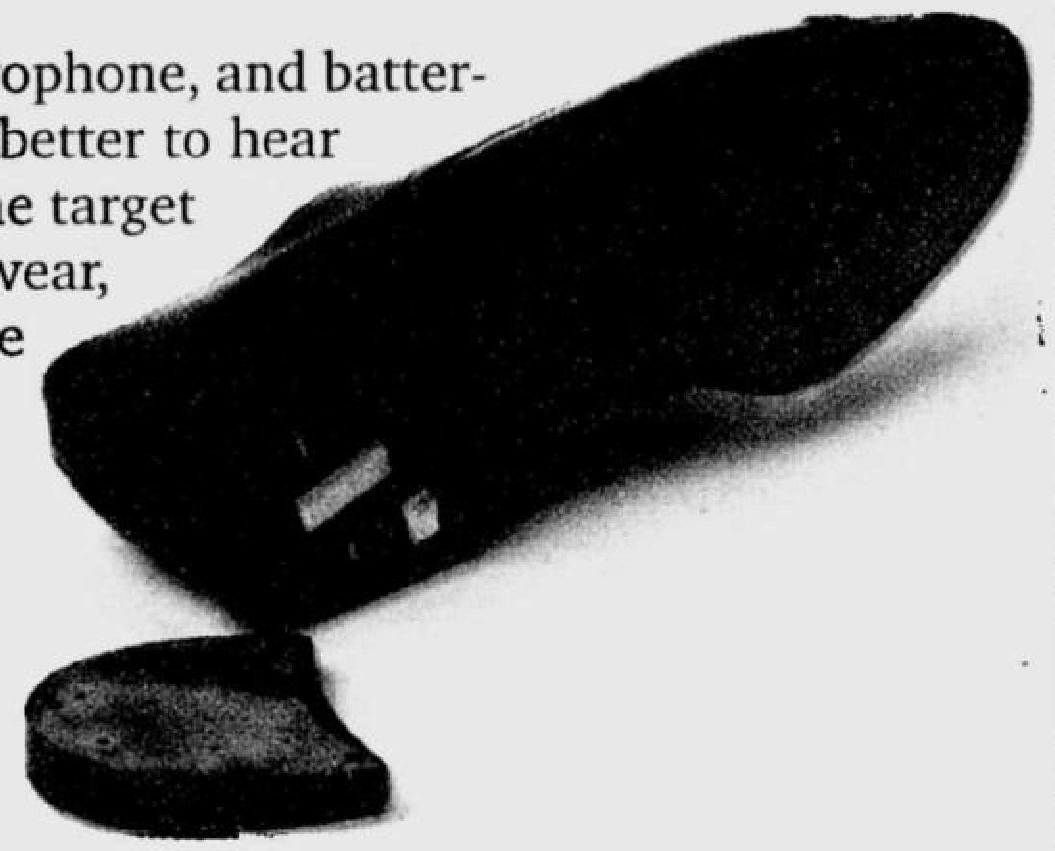
FACING FEARS WITH A SMILE. We're not afraid of ghosts!

JOAN BONDOC

KGB Spy Shoe



THIS shoe has a transmitter, microphone, and batteries embedded in its heel, all the better to hear secrets with. Someone close to the target lays out the shoes for him to wear, pulls out a white pin to activate the device and presto! All the target's conversations are broadcast to a nearby monitoring post. This is one of over 200 spy devices on display at The International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. *AFP*

World Scope

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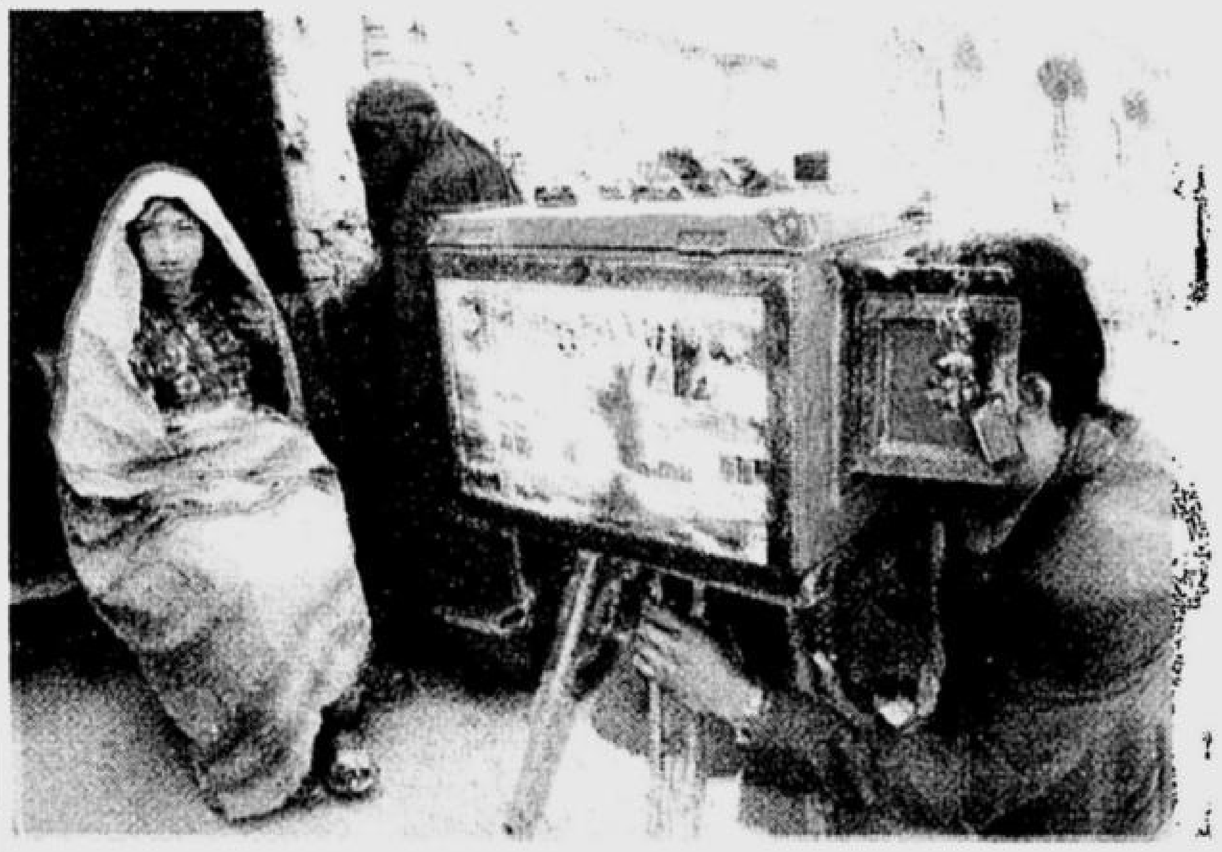
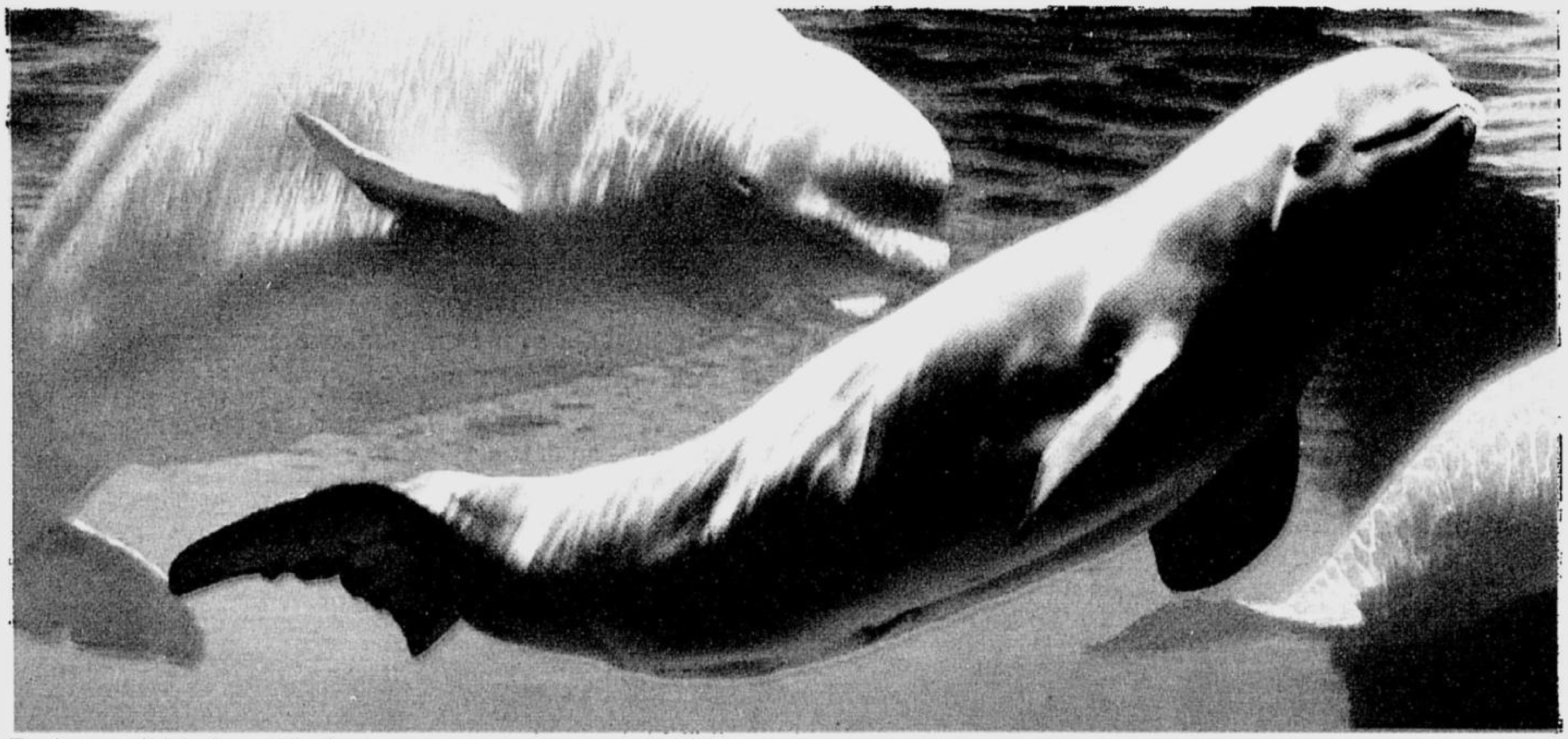
Washington, D.C., USA
Kabul, Afghanistan



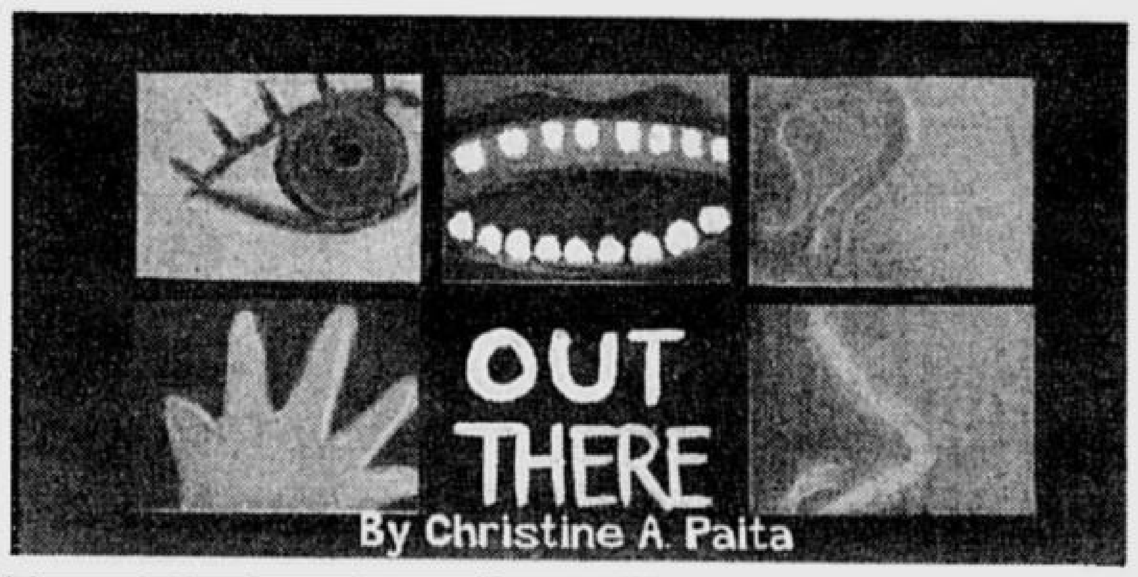
Say cheese!

AN Afghan photographer uses an old-fashioned box camera to take a picture of an Afghan woman in Kabul. During the Taliban era, women were not allowed to show their faces in public and photography was banned. *Reuters*



Bulaga! Baby Beluga

AN unnamed male beluga whale, born July 13 at Marineland in Niagara Falls, Ontario, glides past a window under the watchful eye of its mother, Xena. Another female gave birth 10 days ago. Both babies are being monitored around the clock by the staff. *AP*



By Christine A. Paita

Got something for Out There? Send us the info two weeks in advance. Our fax numbers are 897-4793 up to 94. Don't forget to include your contact numbers and addresses.

Workshops

ESCUELA SA MUSEO. Check out Ayala Museum's lineup of workshops in August. For adults—Jewelry Making, August 7 to 28, Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.; Portraiture in Charcoal and Oil, August 10 to September 28, Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Decorative Arts, September 4 to 25, Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. Kids ages 2-6 can join Play Art for Toddlers, August 31 to September 21, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more details, check out the website at www.ayalamuseum.com or call Christy Monastrial at 810-8407.

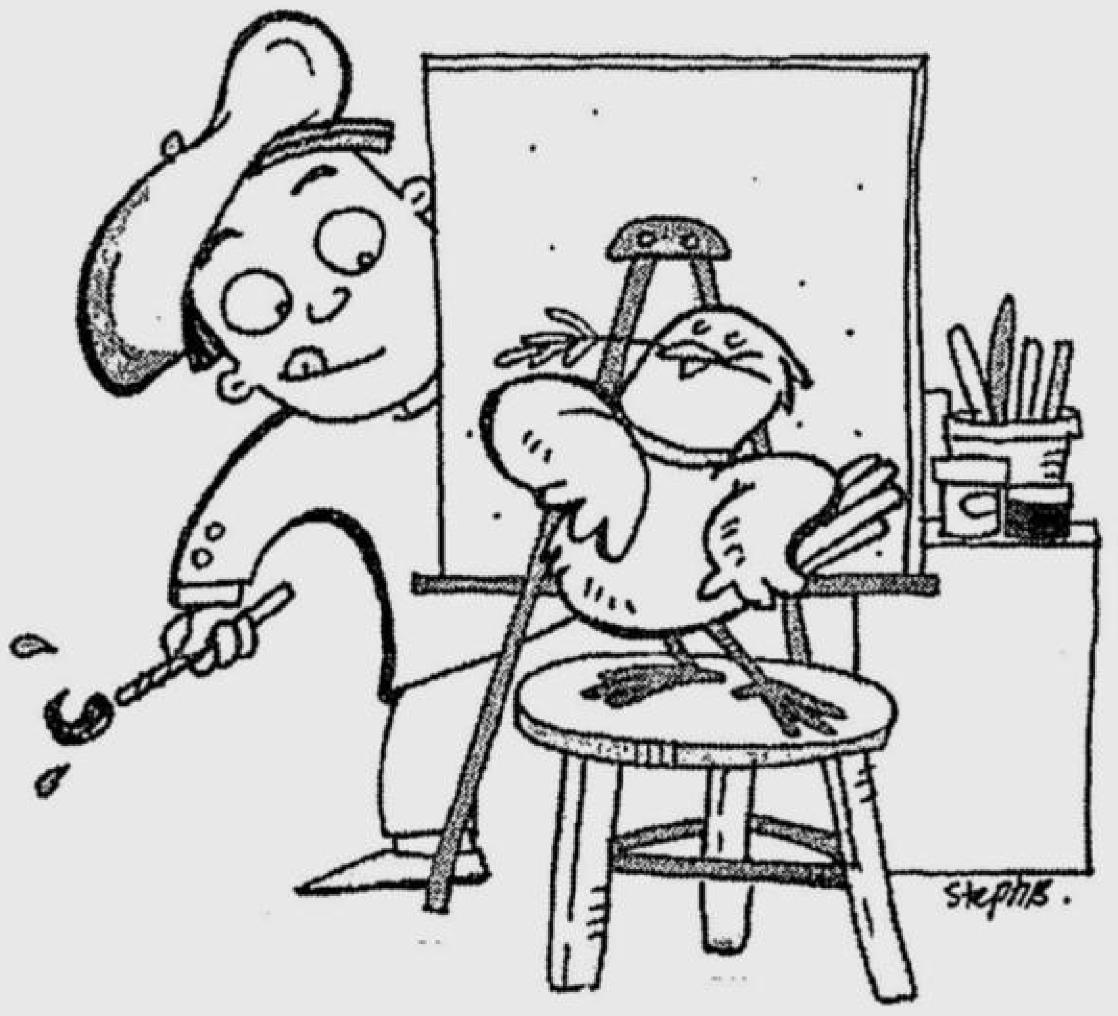
WRITING WORKSHOP. Tower Book House sets a new schedule of writing workshop for young people ages 8 to 18. The workshop will tackle essay writing, feature writing, journalism, short-story writing, playwriting, and reviews of books, movies and concerts. The workshop will be conducted by established book authors for different age groups on Saturdays, beginning August, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. For inquiries please call 815-4938, 815-6925 or 0918-9159337. Interested applicants may drop by Windsor Tower, 163 Legaspi St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

ART STROKES. Outlet Yard, the newest hip mall at 1480 Quezon Avenue opens its art workshop to children and adults. Called "Art Strokes," the workshop will feature painting in pastel, oil, watercolor, and mixed media as well as charcoal drawing and crafts. Workshops will be held every Saturday and Sunday beginning August. On-site registration of participants will start at 1 p.m. For inquiries, please call 740-7221.

Contests

ABKD. The Citizens' Disaster Response Center is conducting its annual poster-making contest for children. Called "Apoy, Bagyo, Kalamidad: Dibuhong Pambata" or ABKD, the contest aims to impart the value of disaster preparedness to children. Girls and boys ages 7-9 can join Category A, while kids ages 10-12 can join Category B. For each category, children can choose from a set of disaster types the subject of their design. Deadline for submission of entries is on September 16. For copies of posters and for more info please call 924-0386 or 929-9822. You may also email CDRC at rpidcdrc@i-manila.com.ph.

ART FOR PEACE. Paint your message of peace in Jollibee's "Kapayapaan, Kaya Mong Ilarawan, Kid!" art contest. The contest is open to students, ages 7 to 12, from all schools. Contestants may submit only one entry in any of the two categories: oil-based medium (using oil pastels) and water-based medium (using watercolor, acrylic, water-soluble colored pencil, or gouache). Contest ends on August 16. For more info, see posters and flyers at a Jollibee store nearest you, or visit www.jollibee.com.ph.



Event

FAMILY DAY. Big & Small Co., a clothing store for kids, invites all families to join its fun day at the Manila Polo Club on August 4. The day will be dedicated to families for an afternoon of fun and bonding, with food booths, games and activities for children, and a fashion show. Each ticket, which costs P500 per person, will help the Hematology-Oncology Unit for Service and Education or H.O.U.S.E. of the Makati Medical Center. For more info or for any donation, please contact Big & Small Co. at 813-7928 or email bigandsmall@pacific.net.ph.

Cable Picks

SHOWS ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. Explore the world and make friends with animals, all this August on National Geographic Channel. Check out the following shows and their schedule:

- **A FLEA'S LIFE.** Flea in bird's feathers? Witness how a certain flea stays deep in an albatross' feathers, then finds new habitat in a penguin's body. Find out how fleas survive on these bodies and in the birds' natural habitats in "The Tick and the Bird," August 5, 8 p.m.
- **JOYRIDE.** Can you survive in another country with only $100 in your pocket? Some adventurous tourists can! Join them as they hop from one country to another with friendly taxi drivers as their guide in "Nat Geo Max," every Monday from August 5 to 26, 10 p.m. On August 12, join Hernan, an opera singer, and his passenger as they tour Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- **HOT AFRICA.** Discover Africa through new science breakthroughs in "Hot Science from Africa." Learn about the latest developments in animal DNA storage, coronary disease treatment and wildlife conservation. Airs on Wednesday, August 7, at 11 p.m.
- **YOUNG LAMA.** Meet Rinpoche, a six-year-old Tibetan Lama, and join him in his journey from New Zealand to Northern India. Find out about his family, his life, and how he came to be recognized as a religious leader in "Kiwi Buddha" on August 8 at 10 p.m.
- **GOING EAST.** The second season of "Earth Pulse" brings you to Cambodia, where National Geographic reporters and WildAid execute a raid on animal traders; and Hong Kong, where Hayden Turner goes on an eco-adventure in the waters of Hong Kong Harbor and explores mangroves in a kayak. Friday, August 9 at 11:30 p.m.
- **SNAKES AND HUMANS.** Can snakes and humans live together? Some people have snakes as pets, while some think they're pests. Discover the fascinating relationships between snakes and humans in "United Snakes of America" on Monday, August 12, at 9 p.m.

Atbp.

NEW BRANCH. Powerbooks has just opened its fourth branch at the second floor of Glorietta 3 in Makati City. They have nine shelves just for children's books. There are cartoon-inspired favorites such as Blue's Clues, Pokemon, Digimon, and Barney books. Harry Potter sits beside "The Secret Garden", and award-winning publications from local publishers like Lampara and Adarna House are also available.

Watch out for the 3rd set of Nestle Chocolate Milk Drink's "Chuckie Chocoventure" winners on August 10, 2002.

Keep drinking Nestle Chocolate Milk Drink!"

Getting to Narnia

Four kids get to be the youngest members of the cast

By Eline Santos

HAVE you ever wished your closet was really a doorway into another world? Just like the wardrobe that opens into the land of Narnia.

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie are brothers and sisters who have action-filled adventures in Narnia, a place where the animals can talk and magical things happen.

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Alexa Ortega, Moreen Guese, Samuel Concepcion and Iñaki Ting are the youngest cast members in this year's Trumpets production of "The Lion, the-Witch and the Wardrobe."

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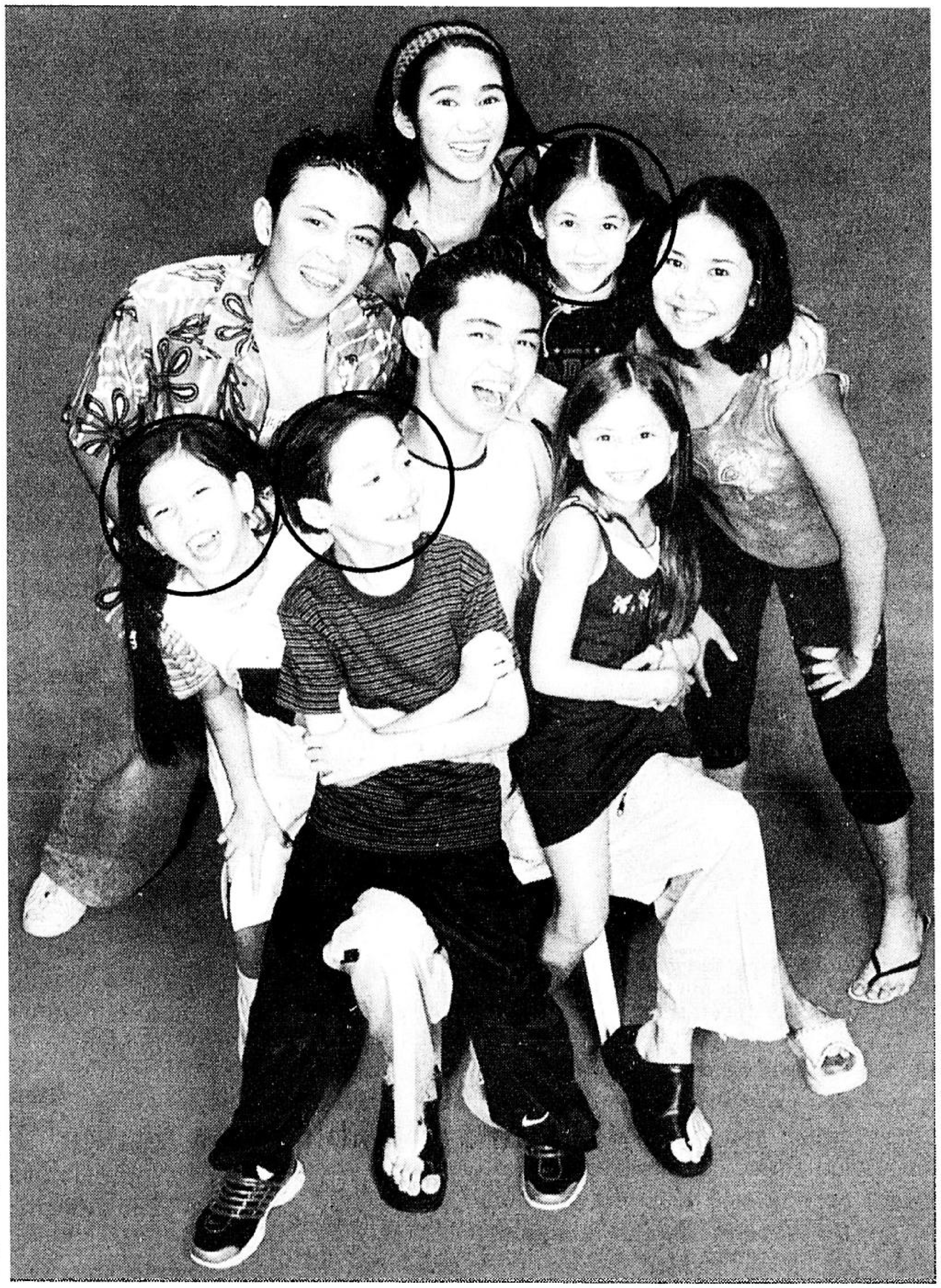

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Sam and Iñaki will alternate as Edmund. Ten-year-old Sam said the fun part is a scene with the White Witch. "You get to eat marshmallows in the middle of the play. *Sarap!*" he said with a grin.

"You get to hold swords," 12-year-old Iñaki added.

What about the hard part? "Crying," Iñaki said.

"Balancing studies," said Alexa, a grade 7 student at Poveda. "You also have to remember your vitamins."

"Alexa is sick," Moreen informed us. Maybe that's why Alexa reminds everyone about their vitamins.

Sam, a grade 4 student at the Christian Academy, found "being a brat" difficult.

"Maintaining kiddie energy," Iñaki interjected, was also a

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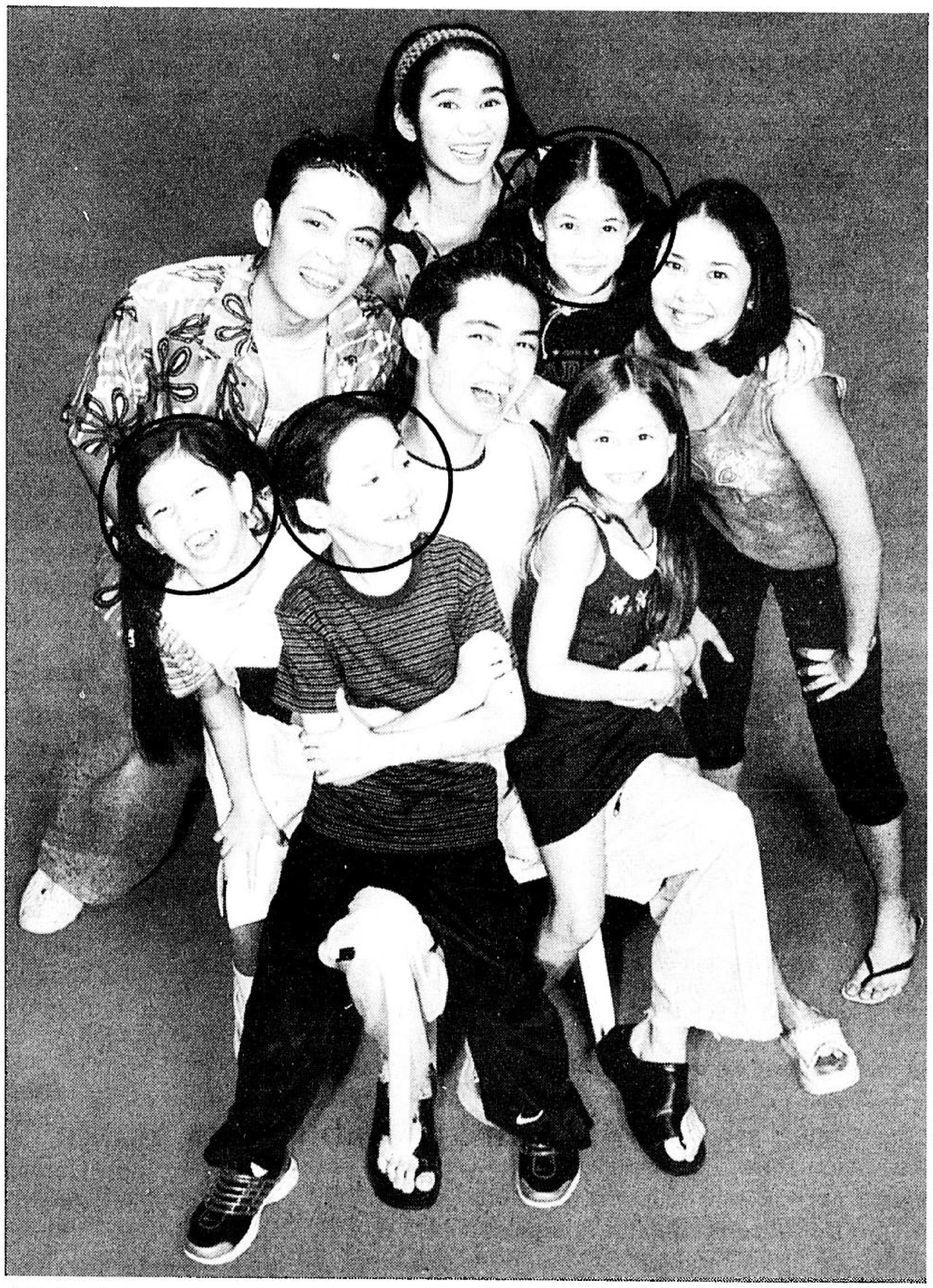

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Sam and Iñaki will alternate as Edmund. Ten-year-old Sam said the fun part is a scene with the White Witch. "You get to eat marshmallows in the middle of the play. *Sarap!*" he said with a grin.

"You get to hold swords," 12-year-old Iñaki added.

What about the hard part? "Crying," Iñaki said.

"Balancing studies," said Alexa, a grade 7 student at Poveda. "You also have to remember your vitamins."

"Alexa is sick," Moreen informed us. Maybe that's why Alexa reminds everyone about their vitamins.

Sam, a grade 4 student at the Christian Academy, found "being a brat" difficult.

"Maintaining kiddie energy," Iñaki interjected, was also a

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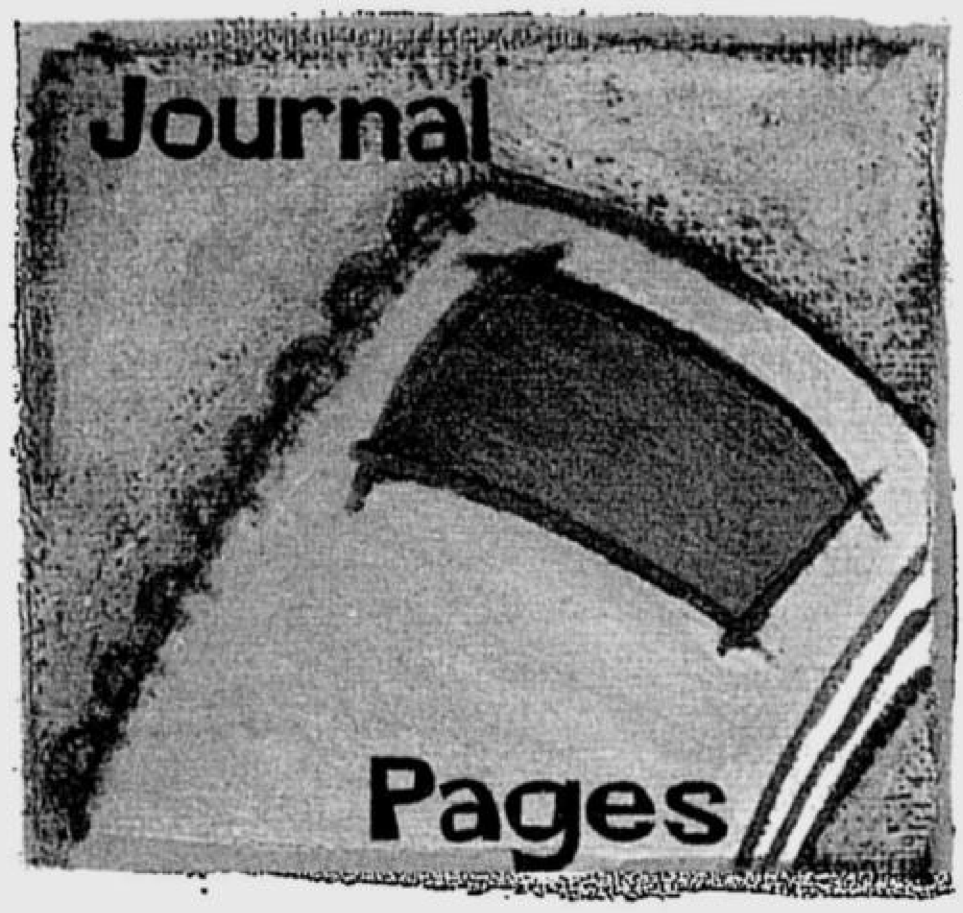

One in a Million

By Debra C.J. Victa
Amazing Grace School
San Pedro, Laguna

Hello Debra!
steph B.

HIS voice may sound familiar. You may have heard him on radio commercials or seen him on TV once. But have you ever wondered how Val M. Victa is at home as a father?

My dad is a wonderful playmate, a good friend, a helpful person. Although he works a lot, he finds ways to get home early and spend time with the family.

What I like most about my dad is that he is funny. Sometimes when we are walking in the mall or while driving, he invents silly songs and we would sing them together and laugh. At home we listen to his funny childhood stories and funny jokes while we're all at the dining table.

My dad is also quick to ask for forgiveness even from us kids whenever he does something wrong.

He is also a great teacher in singing and declamation because he won medals in these when he was in grade school and high school. He is my mentor and my brother's, too, and most of the time my brother and I also bring home medals when we compete.

Dad stands tall and proud of his achievements and accomplishments. He tries to give his best in doing things and he does not give up easily and that is what he teaches us.

Sound Familiar ?
Write down your thoughts now and send them to JI. Who knows, you might just get published!

Straight From JI Readers

You can now reach us via e-mail! Our address is **ji@inquirer.com.ph** Don't forget to include your complete name, age, snail mail address and your phone number. Hope to hear from you soon!

Two Great Hobbies

HELLO! I want to share with you my two favorite hobbies.

My first hobby is done every Saturday compiling JI magazines! I do this because whenever I'm bored, I have something to read. Also, that way, the magazines won't get lost. My hobby number 2 is making bracelets out of beads and selling them. It's really my business and I know that someday it might help me. More power and God bless. **—AURIELLE JUNINE T. LEE**, 12, Sto. Niño de Novaliches School, Quezon City

A Saturday Habit

HELLO! Every Saturday I always read your children's magazine and answer the puzzles. It's fun to read the poems and stories too.

Every Saturday I wake up early in the morning and wait for the magazine. I hope that you will add more nice poems and stories.

I hope that you will maintain the magazine so that many more children will learn and be excellent in school.—**ROSANNA T. LALA**, 8, Paco, Manila

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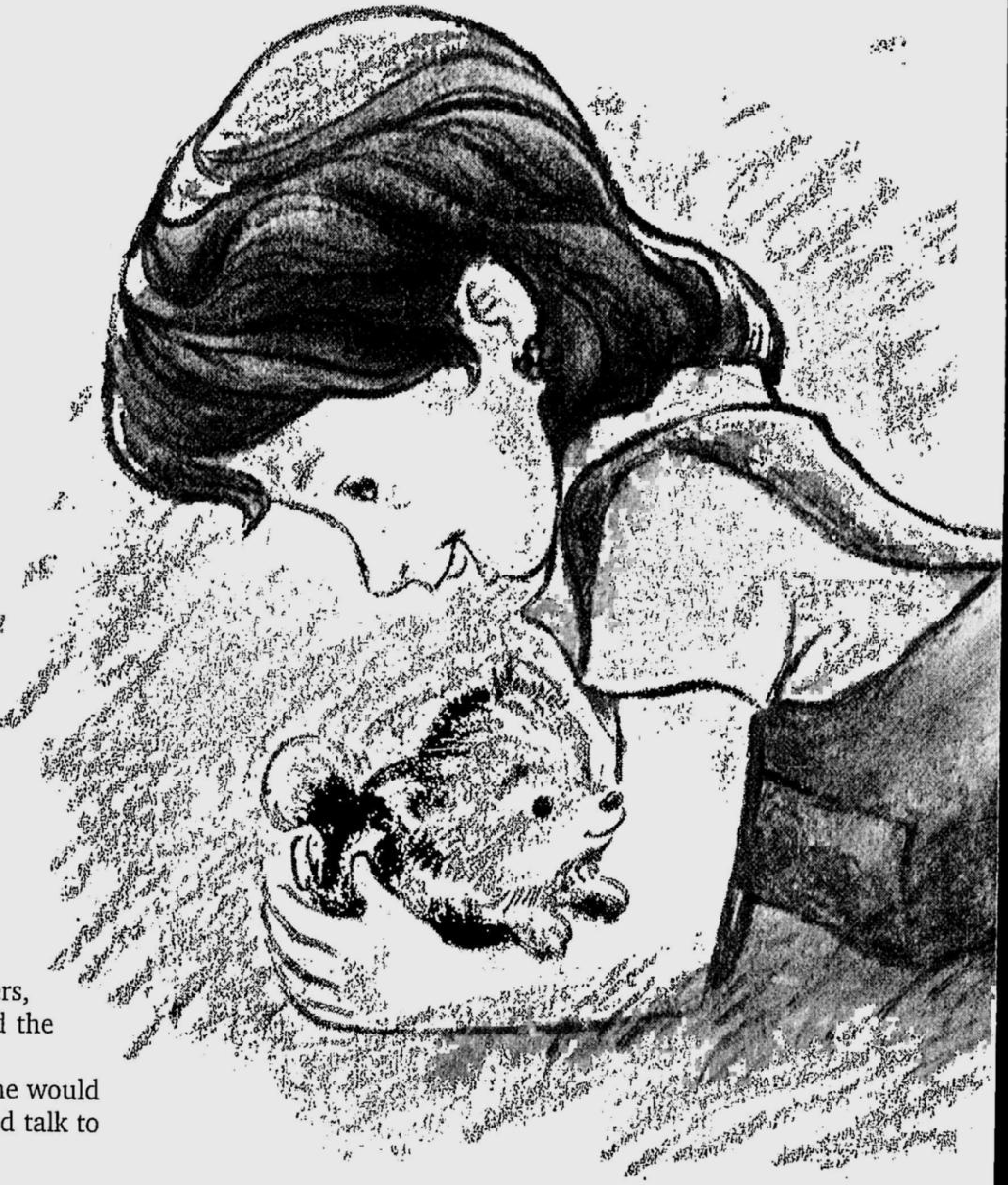

ONE AFTERNOON last November 3, I was watching TV in my parent's room when the maid shouted from the window, "Kim! *Nanganak si* Cuddles! *Halika dito*!".

I was very excited to see the fourth batch of pups.

I ran down to the front garden and peeped behind the bushes. I saw Cuddles nursing tiny and helpless puppies. Their breed is Pomeranian so they were a little fluffy. I was so happy that I cried, tears of joy I mean.

As time flew by, the puppies grew fluffier and more adorable. Mostly naughtier.

They were all boys so I made a survey from the list of names. My mom chose the names Dil, Dean, and Dash. I went to the puppies and chose a perfect name for each of the three puppies. The white one I named Dean, the black one I named Dash, and the smallest one I named Dil.

ONE day, I came home from school and somebody told me that Dil had fallen down the stairs. I was really worried so I comforted Dil and noticed he was a bit limp but was otherwise okay. Time flew once more and the puppies grew faster. Dean and Dash were fattening up but I was always worried about Dil's health and size. He was still small, that's why he was so special to me.

The relationship between the puppies and their older brothers, Chippie and Kimba, wasn't the best since Chippie always bullied the puppies, especially Dil.

It was obvious that Dil had many fights with his brothers and he would always come to me to hide under my skirt. I would carry him and talk to him, too!

JANUARY 03, 2002, Dil, Dean, and Dash were exactly two months old. I thought it was a perfect and lovely day until that afternoon. I came home from school and I heard the puppies barking because they wanted me to release them from their cage. I let them out and I played with them.

Chippie, Kimba, and Cuddles were released, but I knew that nothing bad would really happen on a perfect day. I set Dean, Dash, and Dil free, too. They ran about and looked like they were playing tag under the cars.

Meanwhile, Chippie and Kimba were almost mature adults so the found a part in the fence to sneak out of and chase "trespassers." They wer all playing tag and left Dil alone. He tried to join but Chippie kept pushin him aside. I scolded Chippie and hugged Dil. Chippie saw this an squeezed between Dil and I. Boy, Chippie has sure been jealous since th day he learned the meaning of the word.

Dil was still frightened of Chippie and hid under my uniform skirt. Chippie and Kimba usually set a bad example for their younger brothers tha

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ly Puppy

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even Dean and Dash would pick on Dil. I really felt sorry for him. They were all playing in the front yard.

THE moment I turned my back, all the dogs made a dash for the hole in the fence, except Cuddles because she is more disciplined than the rest. This worried me a lot. What if the puppies get run over? I called to them to get back inside. I counted them but one was missing.

“Dil?” I asked myself. I looked under the cars but he wasn't there. I looked across the street and there he was, all the way on the other side. I called him and he ran towards me. I heard the wheels of a car approaching. I called Dil again and he ran as fast as he could.

But something distracted him and made him slow down. The car, which turned out to be a van, passed over Dil. He would have made it but then his foot was caught under the wheels and he rolled. I got the plate number of the car and ran to Dil. I carried him to the house. He was still breathing, rapidly. I hugged him many times thinking it was only a bad dream. Never in my life have I encountered a situation like this before. He breathed slowly and stopped.

THAT was when I cried. I ran to the house and called my mom to take us to the vet. She was shocked when she saw Dil and began asking me questions.

Panicking, I said, “Mom! Let's just go! Please!”.

We went to the car and tried going to the vet but it was closed. I thought Dil was still alive because his eyes were still open and shaking. I recommended the pet clinic along Katipunan.

We drove there and went inside. Good thing the assistant was there. She told us that the vet just left and did her best to help.

I remembered all the happy times we had together, from the day he was born to that day. I remembered the day he learned how to walk. He was the fluffiest and cutest to me.

The assistant was a girl and I felt comfortable with that. She checked his pulse and said, “He's gone. It must have been the blow from the tire.”

She said so many things but I just wanted to forget them. When I heard what she said, I cried really hard on the counter. My mom thought he was alive because his eyes were still open but I knew he already dead. We brought him home to be buried.

The gardener dug a hole and I gave him one last hug. I knew I still have his brothers so this time I'll be more careful. This is something I will never forget.

Goodbye, Dil.

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The Ghost Writers!

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Club Matters

The girls meet at school every morning, recess, lunch and dismissal to discuss with each other the stories they wrote.

"We write the stories at home and in school," says Laura. "We get the inspiration from everywhere: scary experiences, books, movies and places."

Liz relates that all their stories have resolutions. "The characters always solve the main problem in the end," she shares. "We avoid writing open-ended ones because we do not wish to make the readers more afraid than they already are."

PEEK-A-BOO. These writers handle scary stuff with their pen and imagination. JOAN BONDOC

Lyn adds that their stories are special because they write and edit their manuscripts themselves.

The girls are also proud to say that they have more than 30 stories in their file folder.

"Laraine is the official guardian of the special folder," the girls chorus. They call the simple blue file keeper "The X-Files."

Friends Forever

Last year was a special year for the ghost writers because it witnessed the birth of their club and a special, lifelong friendship.

"Liz and I were new at Kostka and we didn't have friends at first," shares Lyn. But it was not long before the two bonded with the rest of the group.

"We plan to stay in this club for as long as we can," declares Laraine.

The girls admit that they've had their share of misunderstandings but they vow to come through for each other.

"The friendship is one of the best things of being a ghost writer," says Carmela.

To Aspiring Ghost Writers

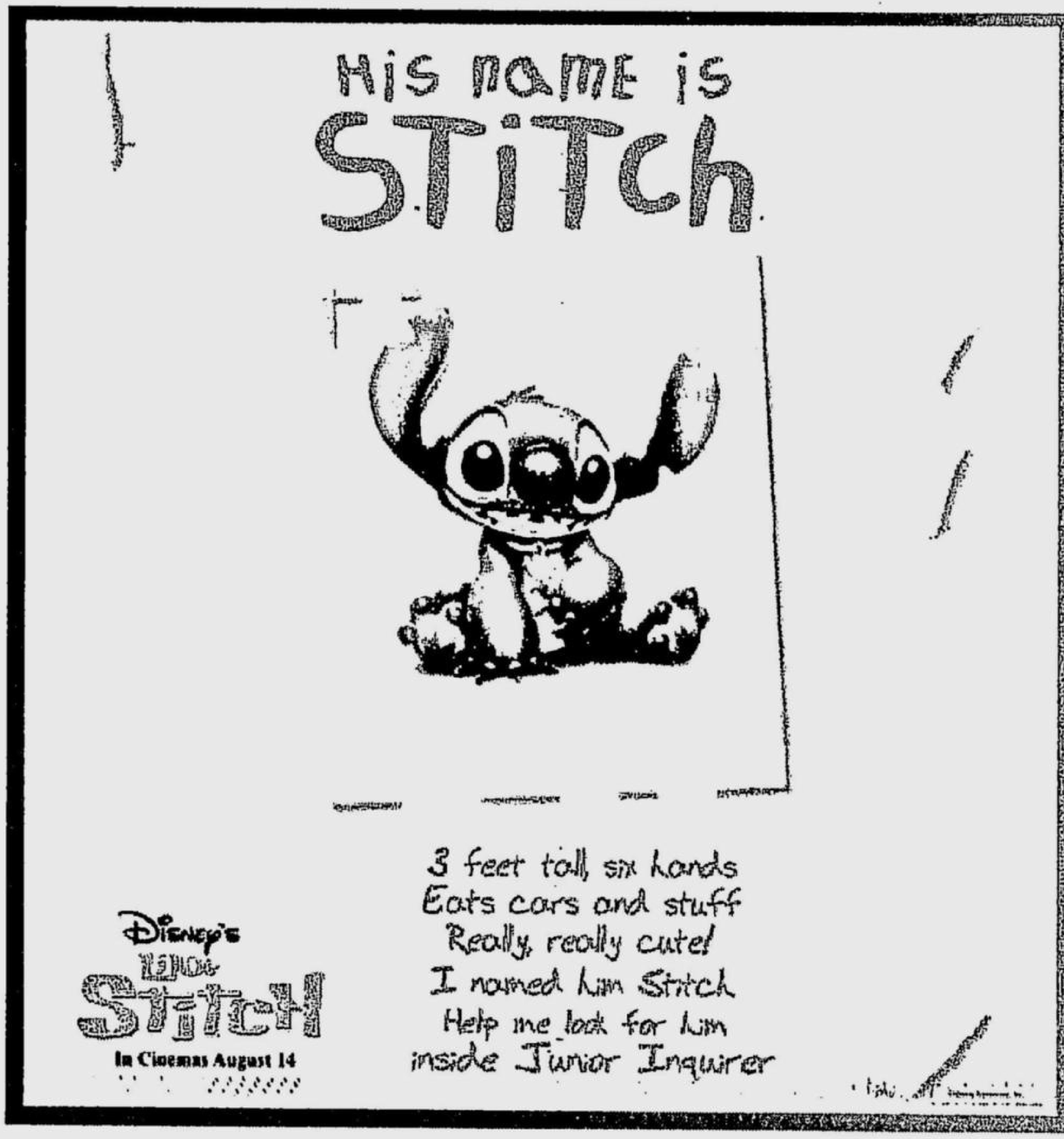
The girls encourage other kids to be part of a club like theirs.

"Your vocabulary will improve greatly and you learn to be original with your stories when you write," shares Laura. "You also learn to be confident with yourself and speak your mind through your works."

Liz adds, "You will learn to be creative and play with your imagination."

Carmela, Lyn and Laraine all agree that the club is simply a great opportunity for friends to just hang out and have fun.

With the girls' creativity and enthusiasm, we are sure to expect a lot more exciting stories from the Ghost Writers Club in the years to come.


His name is
STITCH
3 feet tall, six hands
Eats cars and stuff
Really, really cute!
I named him Stitch
Help me look for him
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Disney's Lilo & Stitch
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Hurry and send your entries!

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Kid Makes It to the Top of the World

He's definitely the envy of not just a few adults

CHRISTIAN, the young climber, made it all the way up to Mount Pulag.

By Maria Zobel Certeza

KIDS are always fascinated by the things they see around them. But Christian Gulfan's fascination with clouds made him the youngest Filipino to reach the peak of Mount Pulag, the second highest mountain in the country.

"I want to step on the clouds," Christian said. This seven-year-old's interest with climbing began when he saw pictures of his dad who was well above the clouds on a mountain peak. So last February of this year, Chjog (pronounced as chog) had his first climb. "I saw the world's smallest bamboo," he recalls. He also saw the cloud rat, the largest rat in the world.

This kid never gets tired of climbing. Maybe you're thinking how this seven-year-old can climb with such a huge bag on his back. Well, his dad explained that the rangers were glad to give the kid a hand during the climb.

I asked Christian what he likes about climbing mountains and he said that it was the idea that you can "step on the clouds" while at the peak. "I love it because it's cold on your feet," he smiles. He also wants to climb Mount Banahaw (not to mention a few more mountains) in the future.

One of his sisters said that Chjog was red as an apple when he went home from the climb and he couldn't stop telling stories about the things he saw and experienced. "There's a plan to name one of the peaks of Mount Pulag after him because he was the youngest (to reach the top)," she shares.

Geography, History, Filipino and Geometry are some of Chjog's favorite subjects in his school, OB Montessori. He even explained to me what an avalanche meant. "It's what happens on snowy mountains when rocks fall," he said.

Chjog wants to be a surgeon like his dad when he grows up. He likes seeing his dad helping people.

In the meantime, he said that he will continue climbing more mountains in the future. After all, "I was the first Filipino kid to reach the peak!" he said proudly.

R U 'RRIFIC?

'Rrific kids are smart
'Rrific kids are fun
Some aren't in the honors list
But get their homework done

Somehow the world's
a better place
I know this much is true
Hey 'Rrific kid!
We know you're there
We love you 'cause you're you!

If you think you're 'Rrific' or know someone who is, fill out the the nomination form below and send it to:

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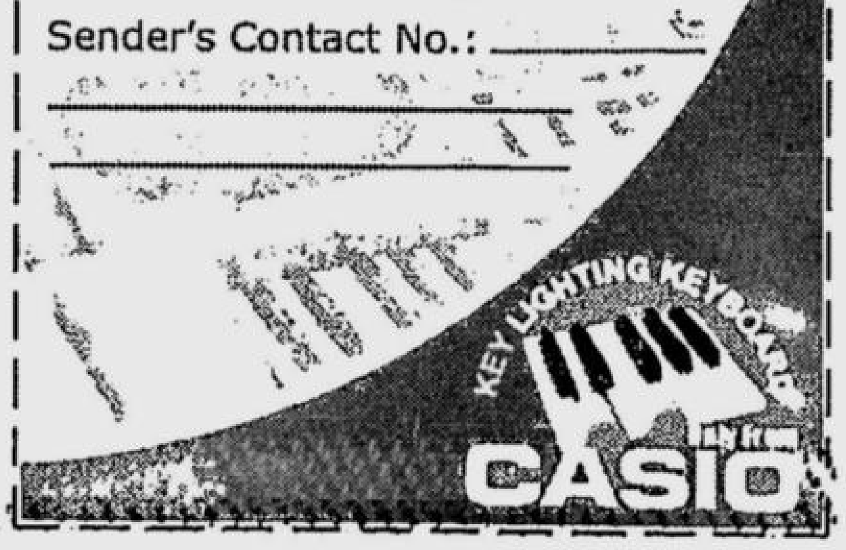

Getting to Narnia

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challenge. “To be bubbly,” agreed Sam. The young thespians also shared what they learned from the play.

Iñaki, a grade 7 student at Xavier School, shared that “Maybe in families with bratty kids, they will try to find solutions. Trying to find out how the ’brat’ feels, what he wants. Maybe he just needs attention.”

“You need to always forgive. If you forgive someone you need to...be sincere,” said Moreen. Sam had a similar sentiment, “God always forgives you anything you do.”

Older cast members agree. “Forgiveness is the most important message. Everyone has a chance to be forgiven. Humble yourself, come as you are, no matter what state you are in life,” said Carlos Orosa who will play Mr. Tumnus alternately with Roy Rolloda.

Edmund’s role is crucial to the musical’s message. Which is probably why Camille Cabrera, a 4th year high school student at St. Scholastica, prefers to play Edmund than Susan.

“Susan is the weakest,” she said. Camille however does enjoy meeting different people and learning to manage her time.

Other cast members include Crisel Consunji who will alternate for the role of Susan; Franco Mabanta and Paolo Valenciano in the role of Peter; Carla Martinez and Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo as the White Witch; Audie Gemora and Meynard Penalosa as Aslan the Lion.

The Trumpets musical is an adaptation from the second book in “The Chronicles of Narnia” by C.S. Lewis. Lito Villareal wrote the music while the lyrics were written by Luna Grino-Inocian and Jaime del Mundo. Del Mundo is also the director of the play.

The excitement in the story begins when Lucy hides in an ordinary-looking wardrobe that turns out to be enchanted. Behind the clothes and jackets is a land where animals can talk and magic things happen. In Narnia, Lucy meets a nice faun named Mr. Tumnus who tells her how the White Witch kept the land frozen in a perpetual winter. On the other hand, when Edmund enters Narnia he meets Queen Jadis, the White Witch. She gives him food that places him under the White Witch’s influence. She then convinces him to betray his brother and sisters to become King of Narnia.

If you want to know how the story turns out, you can borrow the book at your school library or maybe watch the play. “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” will be shown at the Meralco Theater from August 2 to September 15.

Thinkathon

LET’S COMPUTE!

ARE YOU computer-literate? Well, this little quiz should at least reveal your grasp of computer terms and their meanings, the ABC's of understanding how this revolutionary and wonderful machine works. In each number, choose the letter that corresponds to the given definition. A score of seven or more hits would be, in computer jargon, cuspy (excellent)!

___ 1. Sets of instructions, usually on compact or floppy disks and accompanied by instruction books, that tell a computer what to do:

A. hardware
B. software or program

___ 2. Small computers, weighing 8 to 10 pounds, that are portable and can operate on batteries:

A. desktop
B. laptop
C. pocket

___ 3. A mark, either a line or a small block, that appears on the monitor's screen to indicate where the next piece of information will be input:

A. cursor
B. mouse

___ 4. Smallest piece of information a computer can process, either 1 or 0:

A. bit
B. byte
C. datum

___ 5. Part of the computer that accepts disks, writes to them, and reads from them:

A. terminal
B. drive
C. processor

___ 6. The computer's memory, in which both a program and data are held ready for processing:

A. Random Access Memory
B. Read Only Memory

___ 7. An error in a program, causing it to fail:

A. bug
B. virus

___ 8. Large body of information, such as a library or newspaper, that the computer can read and output:

A. program
B. scanner
C. database

___ 9. A device that enables one computer to communicate with another over a telephone line:

A. fax
B. interface
C. modem

___ 10. A small symbolic picture on a computer screen, especially one that represents an option or function:

A. icon
B. logo
C. pictogram

Answers:

1. B. software
2. B. laptop
3. A. cursor
4. A. bit
5. B. drive
6. A. Random Access Memory
7. A. bug
8. C. database
9. C. modem
10. A. icon

Ratings:

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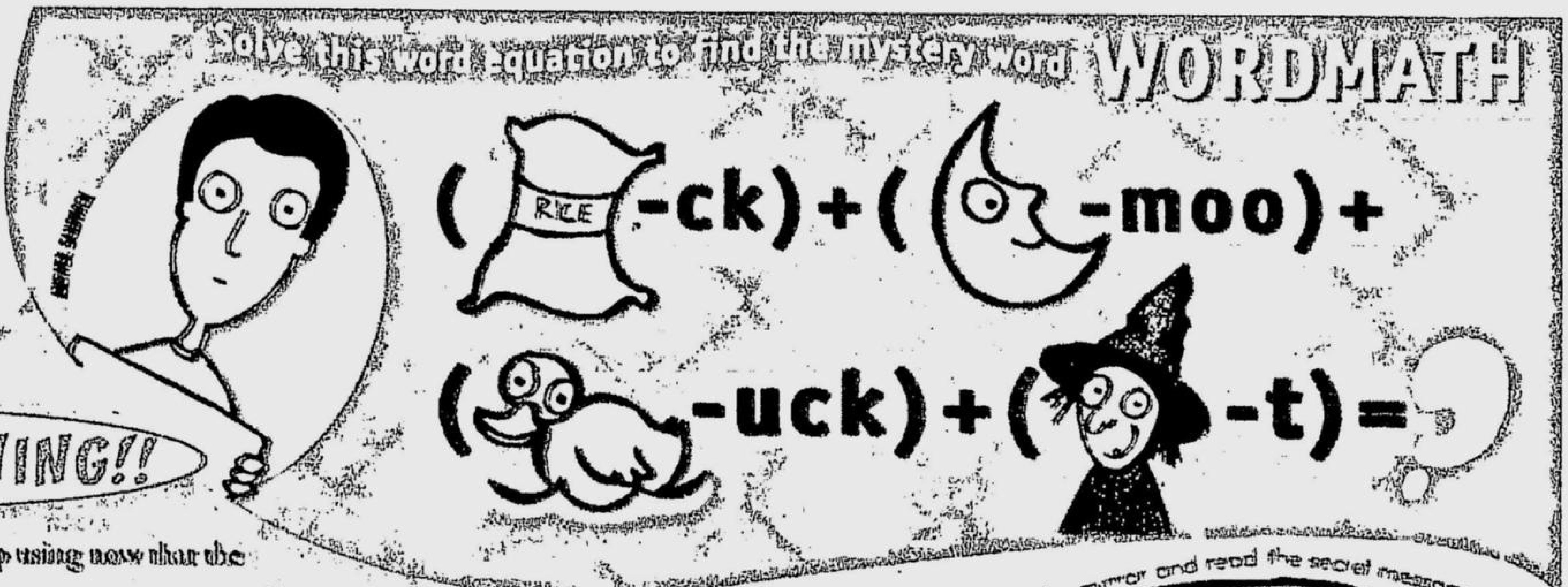
by Katrina B. Villa

Solve this word equation to find the mystery word **WORDMATH**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HEY! IT'S RAINING!!

Find the things you might end up using now that the rains are here!

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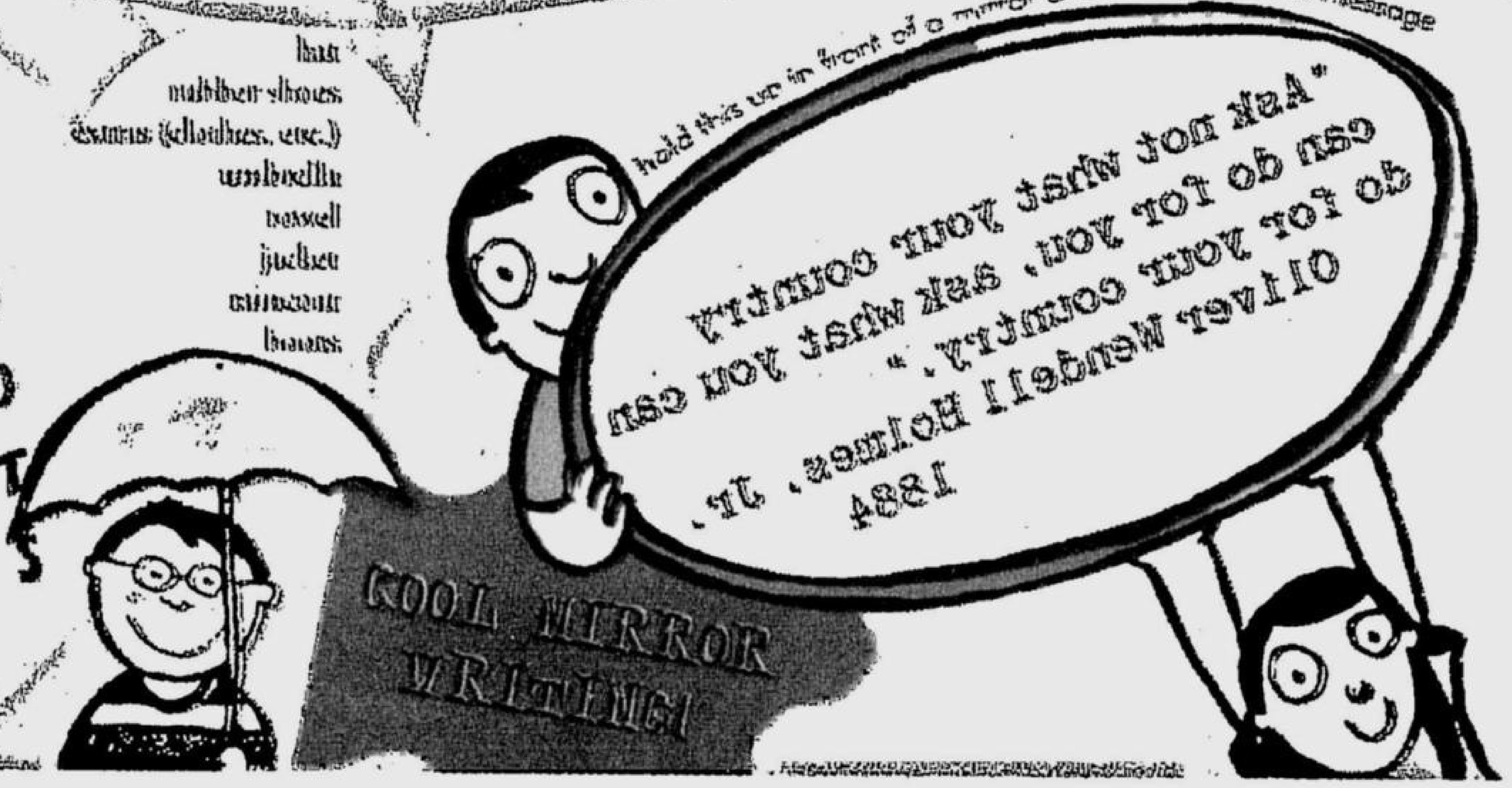
raincoat
boots

hold this up in front of a mirror and read the secret message



"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
1884

COOL MIRROR WRITING!

BUCKLES

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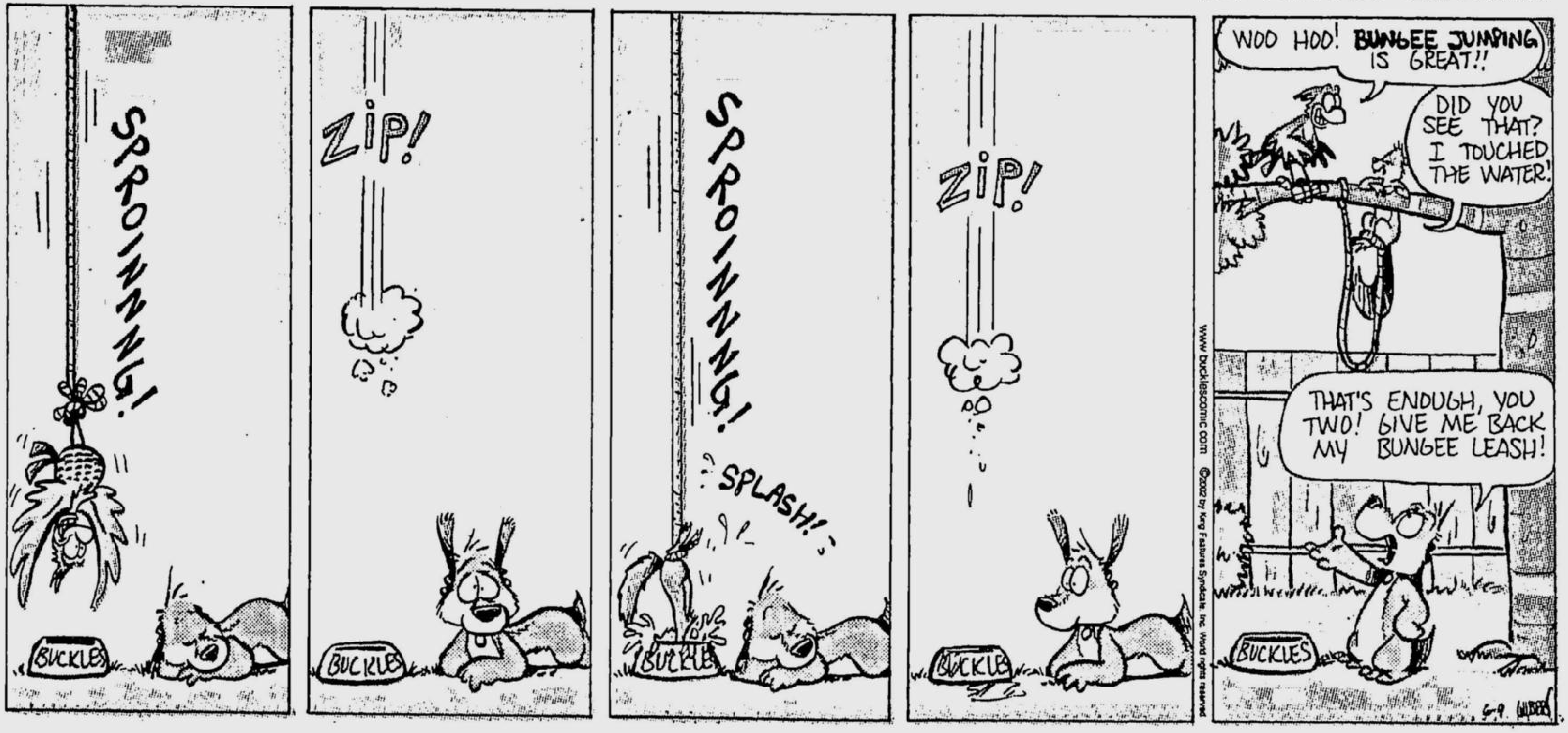
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DID YOU SEE THAT? I TOUCHED THE WATER!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO! GIVE ME BACK MY BUNGEE LEASH!
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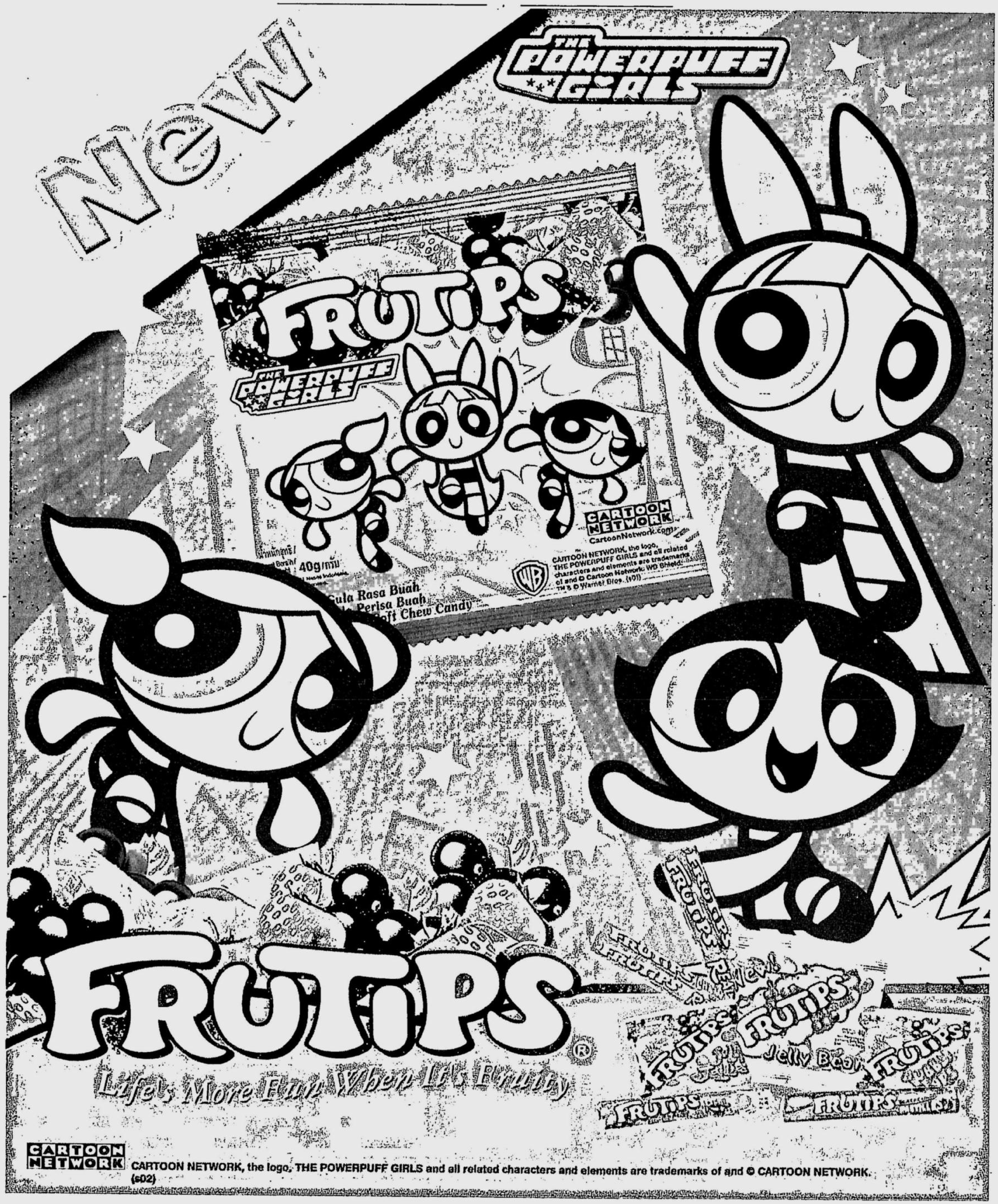
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